

Melanie Patz Baptist Health Vice President of Community Investment and Impact

Melanie Patz joined Baptist Health September 2014. As Vice President of Community Investment and Impact, Melanie directs the development of the Community Health Needs Assessment in collaboration with Brooks Rehabilitation, Mayo Clinic Florida, St. Vincent's Health System and UF Health. She leads the development and implementation of plans to address the needs prioritized in the plan for each of Baptist Health's five hospitals and supports the Baptist Health Social Responsibility and Community Benefit Board Committee as they invest \$2 million to improve the health of the Northeast Florida community. She leads a team of 10 professionals who implement programs that improve access to healthcare, engage the faith community to improve health outcomes, and work with local nonprofits to provide youth from disadvantaged communities mentoring, support and employment to help them be successful in school and life. Melanie has 24 years of nonprofit management experience and a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Samford University.

In her previous position of Vice President of Community Impact for United Way of Northeast Florida, Melanie directed the investment of Community Fund dollars toward significant, sustained improvement in Education, Income and Health and supervised United Way initiatives and collaborations: Achievers For Life, Advocacy, Born Learning, Empowering Effective Teachers, United Way 2-1-1, Life: Act 2, Success By 6, RealSense Prosperity Campaign, Youth Employment and Full Service Schools of Jacksonville.

She served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Fundraising Professionals for five years. Melanie served on the United Way Worldwide Advisory Councils for Health and Education and was a member of the UWW Education Social Change Task Force.

Other work experiences for Melanie include serving as the development officer for Hubbard House and special projects manager for the Auburn Housing Authority. She is a graduate of the 2005 Community Coaches program and Class of 2006 Leadership Jacksonville. Melanie was recognized as a 2013 Woman of Influence by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

Melanie enjoys running and reading. She and her husband, Jason, live in Avondale.