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Ms. Hackathorn joined COSI as the Vice President of Advancement in December 2007. She oversees COSI's Marketing, Development and Government Relations functions.

Ms. Hackathorn has a wealth of experience from the public sector having served as Chief of Staff in the Ohio Auditor of State's office where she was responsible for managing all administrative and outreach functions including communications, finance, legislative affairs, community relations, and human resources. She most recently served as the Director of Special Projects for the Auditor of State with responsibility for internal and external training and conferences.

Prior to working in the Auditor's office, Ms. Hackathorn managed government relations as the Policy Director for the Ohio Attorney General's office where she also served as a member of the executive management team in the office. Ms. Hackathorn's background also includes working as an independent lobbyist with the firm of Thomas C. Green & Associates where she represented clients primarily on environmental, public utility, and health care interests.

Ms. Hackathorn earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Dayton and holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Toledo. She has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation and the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education.