

Kimberly Vann

Kimberly is the Director of Foundation Relations and Grants at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Her responsibilities include deepening foundation support, as well as government grant opportunities, plus leading strategy for the Foundation Relations and Grants team. Kimberly develops, oversees and implements relationship building and fundraising strategies for foundation partners, including donor cultivation, stewardship, solicitation and recognition. Prior to joining the Food Depository, Kimberly was the Director of Development at the Safer Foundation. She has previously served as Associate Director of Communications and Education at the Illinois Nurses Association and Communications Coordinator at the American Bar Association.

Kimberly received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Communications from Columbia College Chicago. She has authored articles on mentoring, diversity and communications which have appeared in local and national association publications. She has also produced and moderated workshops for the Philanthropy Club of Chicago and the Imagining America National Gathering. Kimberly is committed to building relationships beneficial to organizations by creating an environment of trust and collaboration among internal and external stakeholders. A past AFP Chicago Peer Mentoring protégé and Fellow, Kimberly joined the AFP Chicago board in 2019. She is a former co-chair of AFP's Member Engagement Committee and currently serves as co-chair of the Fellows Program.

In her spare time, Kimberly loves visiting music museums around the U.S.