

Kate Bousum, CFRE
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A 20+ year fundraiser, Kate's career has spanned higher education, social services, and education in both small and large advancement/development teams. Kate serves as the Vice President for Philanthropy at Aspire, which brings boundless inclusivity to all through the mission of empowering people with developmental disabilities, strengthening families, and building embracing communities. In her role, Kate oversees, coaches, and builds strong relationships within the team to reach the organization's philanthropic goals and inspire communities where people of all abilities live, learn, and work together. She also provides fundraising consulting, helping small and mid-size nonprofits increase their fundraising efforts and improve their stewardship of philanthropy.

Kate received her degree from Purdue University in Communications and Public Relations and her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation in 2017. In 2022, Kate was named the Benjamin Franklin Honoree by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Chicago Chapter for, "Significant achievements in a long career who serves as a role model for our profession." In 2018, Kate received the Under 40 Leadership Award for Nonprofits by the Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce.