

Julio Paz joined Chicago Commons in 2018 as Chief Development Officer and works closely with the executive team in driving the organization's fundraising and communications strategies.

Prior to joining Chicago Commons, Julio served in leadership positions at The Resurrection Project, Mercy Housing, and Project Exploration. Julio and his teams have generated more than \$41 million in philanthropic and public support to expand the missions of innovative and entrepreneurial 501(c) (3) organizations. Julio is passionate about community development, philanthropy, and partnerships as tools to achieve social justice. He is a member and co-founder of the St. Ignatius College Prep San Ignacio Society and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

He holds a BA in English from the University of Chicago and an MBA from DePaul University's Kellstadt Graduate School of Business. Julio also is a graduate of the University of Chicago's Civic Leadership Academy and Georgetown University's Global Social Enterprise Initiative New Strategies Program.