

## **Christa Beall Diefenbach**

Christa Beall Diefenbach has worked for 15 years in development, communications, and event management for nonprofits that range in size from very small to multimillion dollar organizations. She led the development departments at three human service agencies where she implemented many successful fundraising initiatives. Diefenbach launched successful major gift campaigns at two of these organizations, raising over a million dollars through major gifts and grants.

Diefenbach currently is the assistant director of the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management, Chicago's premier nonprofit educational program. She also is the executive director of the American Humanics program at North Park University, where she helps to educate the next generation of nonprofit leaders. Diefenbach has a bachelor of journalism from the University of Missouri School of Journalism, and an MBA with a concentration in nonprofit management (with honors) from North Park University. She volunteers for several nonprofit organizations, including The Bridge Youth & Family Services in Palatine, Illinois.