

Christina Bourné

Long Form Bio

Christina Bourné is a fundraising executive, nonprofit leader, and consultant with more than 15 years of experience advancing mission-driven organizations across the arts, education, youth development, and social justice sectors. She currently serves as Director of Development at Forward Momentum Chicago, where she leads comprehensive fundraising strategy, including individual giving, institutional partnerships, corporate sponsorship, and event and annual campaign planning. She also serves as a consultant with Evolve Giving Group, advising organizations on fundraising strategy and development practices. Known for her ability to align revenue strategy with organizational vision, Christina has successfully driven significant growth in contributed income while deepening donor engagement and strengthening long-term sustainability.

A dynamic speaker and facilitator, Christina brings a community-centric lens to fundraising, challenging traditional models and advocating for practices rooted in equity, relationship-building, and shared power. Her work centers on helping organizations move beyond transactional giving toward approaches that are more inclusive, sustainable, and reflective of the communities they serve. She regularly leads conversations on fundraising strategy, board engagement, and building cultures of philanthropy that are both effective and values-driven. Christina serves as Co-Chair of the African American Affinity Group for the Association of Fundraising Professionals Chicago Chapter and as a member of the Arts Leadership Council of Arts Alliance Illinois. She also serves as Board Chair of Awakenings Art, a Library Trustee for the Riverdale Public Library District, and a board member of the Chicago Dancemakers Forum. She is pleased to return as faculty for the AFP Fundamentals of Fundraising course for her fourth year.

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