

## Biography

Kimberly Vann, CFRE

Kimberly Vann, CFRE, is a Senior Grant Writer at Metropolitan Family Services (MFS). She has more than 25 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, including 12 years as a fundraiser. Prior to her role at MFS, Kimberly was the Director of Foundation Relations and Grants at Greater Chicago Food Depository, and before that, she was the Director of Development at the Safer Foundation. Fundraising teams under her guidance have raised more than \$28 million in revenue from institutional funders and government agencies.

Kimberly was a member of AFP Chicago's Board of Directors from 2019 until 2023 and a Fundamentals of Fundraising instructor for three years. She achieved the Certified Fund Raising Executive credential in June 2023. Kimberly has produced and moderated workshops for AFP Chicago, the Philanthropy Club of Chicago, and the Imagining America National Gathering. She is currently a mentor in AFP Chicago's Peer Mentoring Program.

Kimberly received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Communications from Columbia College Chicago and has authored articles on mentoring, diversity and bar communications which have appeared in local and national association publications. In June 2025, she launched Soulful Sights and Sounds, LLC., a grant writing consulting service.

Kimberly is committed to building relationships beneficial to organizations by creating an environment of trust and collaboration among internal and external stakeholders. In her spare time, Kimberly enjoys visiting music museums around the U.S.