

Eric B. Johnson, CFRE

Eric B. Johnson is the Director of National Philanthropy with Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL), a Boston-based, national organization focused on closing the Achievement Gap for pre-K – 8th grade students in under-resourced communities through evidence-based, out-of-school-time programs. In his role, Eric is responsible for identifying, cultivating and soliciting major financial contributions from individuals and institutions across the country.

Eric most recently served as the Director of Development and Capacity at the Illinois Network of Charter Schools (INCS) (2010-2016), Chief Development Officer at the Golden Apple Foundation (2006-2010) and the Director of Development and Communications for the Inner-City Teaching Corps (2004-2006), now known as The Accelerate Institute. Upon graduation from college, Eric served as an AmeriCorps member with City Year in Seattle, where he led a team of full-time volunteer corps members to provide after-school and Saturday programs for at-risk middle school youth. In 2002, he began working in development/fundraising with City Year's national headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts, and spent two years as a Development Associate with City Year Rhode Island in Providence.

Eric continues to volunteer for several local and national nonprofit organizations, including AFP Chicago (Board Member and Immediate Past President in 2016). He has served in various volunteer positions with ACLU-Illinois (Associate Board Member); Forefront, previously known as the Donors Forum (Communities of Practice co-chair), and the International Contemporary Ensemble (Board Member).

Eric received his B.A. in Sociology at the University of Virginia and his M.S. in Learning & Organizational Change at Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy. He lives in the Roscoe Village neighborhood of Chicago with his wife and two daughters.