

Cheryl K. Cooke

Cheryl Cooke, Manager of Corporate Giving, advances community relations, develops partnerships and creates socially impactful programs on behalf of Allstate Insurance Company to enhance the quality of life in Chicago's urban neighborhoods. A seasoned corporate funder, Cheryl also specializes in creating economic development strategies for dis-invested neighborhoods by leveraging Allstate's resources. At Allstate, Cheryl manages the administration of Allstate's \$4 million "Hometown" giving budget.

At The Boeing Company, Cheryl funded "PlaceMaking" programs and initiatives that influenced culture, community development, civic discussion and environmental practices and policies in communities located both nationally and internationally.

Prior to her work at The Boeing Company, Cheryl served as Associate Director at the Fannie Mae Corporation. At Fannie Mae, Cheryl was responsible for business development and financing of affordable housing and mixed-use developments in the Illinois region. She also managed their corporate giving budget. At Fannie Mae, Cheryl won the "Community Business Center of the Year" award.

Cheryl also worked for the City of Chicago as Assistant Commissioner in the Department of Planning. There she was responsible for facilitating the development of more than \$55 million in new commercial and mixed-income housing on Chicago's southeast side.

Cheryl attended Georgetown University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and History and graduated with honors from Tufts University with a Master's in Urban and Environmental Planning and Policy.