



**Laura M. Aikens**  
*Senior Vice  
 President*

**Education:**

B.A. Hope College; M.S.W. University of Michigan

**Summary:**

Laura joined CCS in 2009 and brings more than 13 years of experience working with local, regional, and national nonprofit organizations. Her areas of expertise include strategic planning, data analysis, major gift program development, annual fund operations, and leadership engagement. She is especially skilled at raising funds in resource-poor environments and has helped numerous organizations achieve their highest fundraising levels in years.

Throughout her professional career, Laura has demonstrated a talent for mobilizing stakeholders and key constituencies. She is known for her ability to anticipate client needs and her “infectious enthusiasm.”

Laura is a leading member of CCS’s Client Operations Committee, through which she oversees data management across all sectors to identify and evaluate national philanthropic trends. She also provides executive leadership to corporate learning efforts, serves as a mentor to team members nationwide, and is active in both internal and external training programs.

Current and recent clients Laura has assisted include:

- American Nuclear Society/Center for Nuclear Science and Technology Information, La Grange Park, IL
- Archdiocese of Chicago, IL
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, WI
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, IL
- Christ the King Catholic Church, Chicago, IL
- Dental Auxiliary Learning and Foundation, Chicago, IL
- Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit, MI
- NPH-USA (Friends of the Orphans), Chicago, IL
- Queen of All Saints Basilica, Chicago, IL
- Robert Crown Community Center, Evanston, IL
- SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Lemont, IL
- SS. Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic Church, Winnetka, IL
- St. Christina Catholic Church, Chicago, IL
- St. James Catholic Church, Arlington Heights, IL
- University of Windsor, Ontario
- Vatican Library, Vatican City