



Alexandra Arenz
Executive Director

Passion for Philanthropy:

Alex's passion for philanthropy and the nonprofit sector flourished during her time spent at Occidental College studying social justice theory. She has since pursued her desire to work with individuals, communities, and systems to advocate for more equitable environments.

Experience:

Alex started out directing three parish capital campaigns simultaneously for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' *Called to Renew* campaign, raising a combined \$2.5 million. Alex went on to work with St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church in La Cañada Flintridge, CA, where she completed a feasibility and planning study and conducted a campaign to raise \$8.9 million on a goal of \$8 million. This year, Alex worked on a feasibility and planning study for the Oak Grove School in Ojai, CA and is conducting a \$4 million campaign for the Children's Center of the Antelope Valley in Lancaster, CA.

Alex has a combined 11 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations in the social and human services, substance abuse prevention, criminal justice, food justice, and faith-based sectors. She has experience with direct clinical service, program management, organizational management, grant writing, fundraising, and development.

Prior to joining CCS, Alex worked at Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles (SEE-LA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to building sustainable food systems for low-to-moderate income residents of Los Angeles. As the Interim Program Manager of Benefits and Incentives, Alex managed customer access to CalFresh and WIC benefits at six local farmers markets. While pursuing her MSW, Alex worked with the EveryChild Restorative Justice Center to divert youth from the criminal justice system. During this time, she also worked with LA Kitchen, a social enterprise reclaiming food waste and providing culinary training, case management, and clinical intervention to formerly incarcerated adults.

Education:

Alex holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Southern California with a concentration in Nonprofit Management and Social Innovation. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Critical Theory and Social Justice from Occidental College.

Personal:

Originally from Philadelphia, Alex now lives in and loves exploring Los Angeles. She enjoys cooking, reading, and learning to play the drums.