



Kristen Elnicky
Senior Director

Passion for Philanthropy:

Kristen is passionate about partnering with nonprofit organizations to increase their philanthropic capacity to create greater impact in their communities. She thrives on developing programs that create and enhance relationships between organizations and their donors. Though focused heavily in healthcare philanthropy for over 14 years, Kristen’s passion spans a large spectrum of causes including education, the arts, and a wide variety of human services.

Experience:

Kristen’s expertise centers on operational management in the nonprofit sector and developing strategic plans and fundraising programs that create measurable and sustainable results. She has managed all aspects of nonprofit operations for several large healthcare and research organizations.

Currently, Kristen serves as the campaign director for California State University Bakersfield’s \$55 million comprehensive campaign to fund the programs and campus improvements that will prepare students for future success. Since joining CCS, Kristen worked with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to initiate a targeted partnership and co-investment platform to drive innovation, excellence, and impact around priority programs. Through this partnership, she helped LACOE build a collaborative education foundation to provide the conduit for leading philanthropic, nonprofit, and research organizations and individuals to co-invest, foster innovation, and leverage public funding to create tangible positive outcomes for public education students.

Additionally, she has worked on assessments, pre-campaign planning studies, and campaigns for clients in various sectors including:

- Harvest Home, Venice, Calif.
- Pasadena Educational Foundation, Pasadena, Calif.
- Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, Calif.
- California State University – Bakersfield, Bakersfield, Calif.

Prior to joining CCS, Kristen served as the Vice President of Operations for Barrow Neurological Foundation in Phoenix, Arizona, where she developed and managed organizational and operational strategic plans, created strategies to drive fundraising efforts, managed a wide variety of projects for large fundraising initiatives including a building campaign. Additionally, Kristen oversaw financial reporting, endowment and funds management, data administration, the transfer of grant funding from the Foundation to Barrow Neurological Institute and provided guidance and reporting to the Finance and Investment, Audit, and Grants Committees of the Board of Trustees.

Education:

Kristen received her bachelor’s degree from a small private college in Tempe, Arizona, and her MBA from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Personal:

Kristen has volunteered with several nonprofit organizations to help them create and implement strategic plans and develop their Boards. Kristen has spent most of her life in Arizona and has enjoyed exploring the Western United States. She is the proud aunt of five nieces and one nephew. She is an avid reader as well as a sports fan.