



Kellie O'Connell

Chief Executive Officer, Lakeview Pantry

Kellie O'Connell serves as Lakeview Pantry's Chief Executive Officer. In her role as CEO she works in partnership with the Board of Directors to design, communicate, and implement the strategic vision of the organization. Kellie leads a growing staff of 25+ and leverages the efforts of nearly 4,000 volunteers to distribute over 1.5 million meals to Chicago's North and Northwest Side's low-income residents every year. With an annual budget of over \$5.5 million, Kellie is responsible for the overall leadership of the organization, ensuring delivery of the highest quality services to the Pantry's most vulnerable neighbors, while safeguarding its financial stability.

Kellie joined the organization in January of 2016. During her first years in the role, she successfully closed a capital campaign; renovated and moved to a larger, permanent headquarters; nearly doubled annual operating revenue; and launched a five-year strategic growth plan. Leveraging the new space and increased revenue, the Pantry doubled its geographic service area and expanded to most of the North Side of Chicago resulting in a 31% increase in clients served. In addition to the three core food programs, the Pantry also expanded its social service programs and added behavioral health offerings.

Kellie comes to Lakeview Pantry with over 20 years in the nonprofit, government, and corporate sectors. She was most recently Director of Advancement at Northwestern Settlement House. Prior to joining the Settlement, Kellie served eight years at the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), the nation's third largest public housing authority, including serving as the Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning and Public Affairs. She has held various roles with ServiceMaster, Operation Hope, and Illinois Action for Children.

Kellie holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Northern Illinois University and a master's degree in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago. As a Chicago native, Kellie loves spending her spare time in the city she grew up in, exploring everything it has to offer with her daughter, Brennan.