



ASSOCIATION OF  
DONOR RELATIONS  
PROFESSIONALS

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

is hereby presented to

**Megan McAndrews**

Megan McAndrews, we celebrate you as the 2019 recipient of the Association of Donor Relations Professionals Volunteer Service Award and commemorate your inspiring and impressive record of service to the Association of Donor Relations Professionals in support of our mission and our members.

From the earliest days of your ADRP membership, you have been one of our best helpers. Citing your desire to meet new people and gain more enthusiasm for your new role in donor relations at Indiana State University Foundation, you first volunteered for the International Conference. You went on to serve not only as a communications chair but in other related capacities — including mentor, coach, and host — quickly forging friendships that have since evolved to more closely resemble family.

As you've grown professionally, you have progressively taken on greater responsibilities and scopes of work. First as the Senior Director of Donor Stewardship at University of Vermont, and now as the Executive Director of Development and Donor Relations at Syracuse University. You have regularly and generously shared your wisdom and experience, both as a presenter at this conference and others, and through articles for *The Hub*.

These contributions truly represent only the tip of your deep engagement with our beloved association. As a member of the Board of Directors for two terms — beginning in 2010 and concluding in 2015 — during which you served as Vice President, you led our association through key transformative moments in our history.

You were among the visionaries who helped to secure professional management services, providing the stepping stone to an adoption of policy governance with its accompanying emphasis and empowerment of the Board for the articulation of organizational values and vision, rather than implementation of logistics and operations. You and your peers helped to develop the strategic plan that identified our BHAG (our big hairy audacious goal) that *ADRP is universally recognized as the authority on donor engagement for the philanthropy profession*, creating a five-year roadmap and our subsequent exponential growth of members and member services.

Among the core organizational values that you helped to articulate was one of member empowerment and connection. It is through that lens that your latest role, Volunteer Management Coordinator, was created and through which you have continued to shape ADRP and champion our members' experience.

In just two short years, you have identified, prioritized, organized, and emphasized opportunities for member engagement through meaningful volunteer experience. You've brought a structure and vision for building, maintaining, and expanding a pipeline of like-minded people deeply-connected to each other and invested in the exceptional practice of our profession. You've matched members' passion with ADRP's needs and helped us advance emerging initiatives around equity, diversity and inclusion, and digital education, among others.

It's been said that "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in".

Megan, it is my deep honor and privilege to thank you for your tireless passion and devotion to our community. In recognition of your extraordinary ADRP volunteer experiences and commitment to assuring that others might have more of their own, I am proud to present you with the 2019 Association of Donor Relations Professionals Volunteer Service Award. Congratulations!

With sincere gratitude,

Jen McGrath, President

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