



ASSOCIATION OF  
DONOR RELATIONS  
PROFESSIONALS

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

is hereby presented to

**Kimberly Arndts**

It is my honor to introduce this year's ADRP Volunteer Service Award recipient, Kimberly Arndts.

There are few of us—even given the throng of donor relations professionals in the room!—who can genuinely check ego at the door and enter a conversation fully present and ready to listen. Kim is among the few.

Kim is the quintessential “servant leader,” a term reserved for leaders who put others above themselves. A member of ADRP since 2013 and an inaugural member of ADRP's Research Committee founded in 2019, Kim now co-chairs the committee. Fellow members look up to her and listen closely when she speaks because they know she will bring a well-considered, open-minded, and insightful viewpoint to the discussion.

In the first few years as a committee member, Kim's passion for research was evident. She lit up when describing a newly gained perspective or a finding she'd discovered in the literature. The last person to force an opinion, she would carefully listen to all comments and perspectives before gently adding her own wisdom.

These same qualities led to Kim's recent promotion from the Executive Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship to the Chief Advancement Officer at Albion College, also her alma mater. Even as Kim took on increased responsibilities and a larger team, she remained steadfast in her loyalty and service to the ADRP Research Committee. As committee co-chair, she invites members to bring their own passions to the table and get excited about sharing them with the broader ADRP community.

One of Kim's “philanthropy heroes” is Professor Jen Shang, PhD. As the world's first philanthropic psychologist, Dr. Shang conducts groundbreaking research demonstrating the proven positive effects of showing donors “heartfelt love” and treating them as people not just “givers.” From heralding Dr. Shang's insights on the virtual stage of last year's international conference to supporting her teammates and colleagues at work and throughout ADRP, Kim both talks the talk and walks the walk of philanthropy. Kim's recent acceptance of an invitation to contribute her knowledge and experience in support of a multi-association consortium at work setting shared standards for ethical data collection is yet another illustration of her embrace of philanthropy, translated literally as “love of humankind.”

Kim, thank you for your steady, quiet, compassionate leadership and service on behalf of ADRP. You exhibit what it truly means to be a servant leader. Congratulations on being named ADRP's 2022 Volunteer Service Award recipient.

Angela Altamore  
ADRP President

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