

## **Heidi Waltner-Pepper, *Vice President***



Heidi Waltner-Pepper brings over 24 years of experience in the nonprofit sector with specific focus on fundraising, campaign planning, marketing and management for a variety of organizations. Heidi has extensive experience in developing fundraising plans for newly created programs – from their early stages to building them into thriving and successful operations.

Her service to clients has included developing major gift solicitation strategies, campaign preparation and planning, conducting development assessments and writing fundraising plans, coaching Chief Development Officers, and executive recruitment.

Heidi began her development career at several cultural and arts-related institutions including Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, and Dance Affiliates, located in Philadelphia, PA as well as public broadcasting. Spending the majority of her career as a Chief Development Officer at the Big Shoulders Fund in Chicago and at the Robert Crown Center for Health Education in Hinsdale, IL, Heidi has experience in recruiting and building effective fundraising teams, creating efficient fundraising systems and processes, maximizing meetings and results for Board committees and developing major gift initiatives.

Heidi has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of South Dakota and a Master's Degree in Arts Administration from the University of Illinois. She is also a member of Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and serves as a mentor for the 2014 AFP/Peer Mentoring Committee, is a 1998 alumna of the Development Leadership Consortium and a member of Women in Development Profession in addition to the Illinois Federation of Music Teachers.