



KATE MAEHR BIOGRAPHY

After a decade of service with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Kate Maehr became its executive director on July 1, 2006. Kate served as the Food Depository's director of individual giving for three years and as director of development from 1999 to 2006.

As director of individual giving, Kate significantly expanded the organization's outreach efforts, leading to a more than 50 percent increase in individual revenue. As director of development, Kate led the Food Depository's recent capital campaign, a four-year, \$30 million effort launched in October 2001 in support of the Food Depository's new food bank and training center. The 268,000-square-foot facility doubled the food bank's capacity to serve hungry men, women and children and is a model for similar organizations throughout the nation and the world. The Food Depository's physical plant and its innovative programs that work to break the cycle of poverty—many of which Kate was instrumental in developing—have been featured numerous times in media outlets from the Chicago Tribune to the New York Times to Business Week, Time and NBC Nightly News.

Kate's civic leadership and efforts on behalf of the Chicago area's less fortunate have earned her recognition as one of Chicago's "40 under 40" to watch by Crain's Chicago Business and as a Leadership Greater Chicago fellow. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Kate was featured on the cover of Crain's Chicago Business for her work marshalling resources for devastated communities along the Gulf Coast. She also is a sought-after leader and speaker among food banks nationwide through the America's Second Harvest food bank network.

Prior to her experience at the Food Depository, Kate served for five years as the managing editor of a small, nonprofit literary publishing house in Minneapolis. She holds a bachelor's degree from Macalester College and a master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Wisconsin. Kate and her husband, Sam, have two young sons.