

ALIVE! Board Member Retreat 2023

August 27, 2023

Alex Renew Enterprises, 6th Floor (1800 Limerick St, Alexandria, VA 22314)

Purpose

The purpose of this retreat is to enhance the ability of ALIVE!'s leaders to represent the organization for the betterment of the community. This includes:

- Learning how to foster relationships.
- Understanding the landscape in which ALIVE! operates.
- Becoming conversant and knowledgeable about ALIVE!'s activities and programs.
- Building collegiality among board members.

Agenda

12:00 p.m.	Light Lunch and Networking	
12:30 p.m.	Optional- Overview of ALIVE!	Jennifer Ayers
1:00 p.m.	Welcome & Ice Breakers	ALIVE! Staff & Leadership
1:15 p.m.	<i>Inspiration from our community</i>	
	Elizabeth Arrazola Wang, Community Development Director Casa Chirilagua	
	Sheila Bailey, Food Program Volunteer	
1:30 p.m.	Break	
1:45 p.m.	Keynote speaker:	
	Kate Garvey, Director of City of Alexandria Department of Community & Human Services	
2:15 p.m.	Speaker:	
	<i>Sharing Your Story and Getting Others to Care</i>	
	Matthew Gayer, Executive Director, Spur Local (formerly Catalogue of Philanthropy)	
3:00 p.m.	Next Steps for the year ahead	Rolf Blank
3:15 p.m.	Adjourn	

Speaker Bios



Kate Garvey is the Director of the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) for the City of Alexandria. DCHS is a unified department that is focused on the safety, well-being, and economic security of residents. It provides child welfare, economic supports, behavioral health, workforce, developmental disability, early childhood, housing, domestic violence, and aging services to more than 27,000 residents each year.

Prior to her work in Alexandria, Ms. Garvey served as the Chief of Children, Youth and Family Services of the Montgomery County, MD Department of Health and Human Services for more than 10 years. There she focused on services and integrated approaches to support children and families and advancing opportunities and economic security for youth and adults. Prior to Montgomery County, she worked in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she served as the Executive Deputy Director for the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS). Her responsibilities included service integration approaches and organizational development initiatives. Prior to DHS, Ms. Garvey worked for a non-profit educational organization where she was responsible for early childhood and family support services, including Head Start, child care partnerships and community development activities. Ms. Garvey has served on multiple boards focused on human services, social justice and economic security issues. Ms. Garvey has a master's degree in social work in Community Organizing and Planning and a BA in English Literature from the University of Pittsburgh.



Matt Gayor joined Spur Local, formerly the Catalogue for Philanthropy, in 2017, developing and launching the Learning Commons, the training and support we offer our nonprofit partners, as well as expanding our impact beyond our network for the first time. He is passionate about the role nonprofits play in the community, and about building their capacity to grow their impact.

Before joining Spur Local, Matt worked in healthcare consulting at The Advisory Board Company. He is a Truman Scholar, who has experience in several nonprofit settings, largely in civic engagement and public health prior to Spur Local. In 2022, the Washington Business Journal named Matt a "40 under 40" local leader. He holds a Masters of Public Administration degree with a focus on nonprofit management from Syracuse University, and a B.A. in Public Policy and Political Science from Southern Methodist University. Outside of work, Matt enjoys cooking, talking all things DC, and taking advantage of the great outdoor spaces the city has to offer.