

Christine O'Neill Singer

Christine O'Neill Singer thought every position she accepted would be hers for life. But she forgot about "Life"! Still, she can't imagine her life without the privilege of having energetically and passionately served four world-class institutions for over 40 years.

A committed professional in the field of Advancement since she stumbled into her first position in "Development" (thinking it had to do with campus planning), she most recently provided strategic and operational leadership in the creation and execution of a comprehensive individual giving program at World Wildlife Fund in Washington, DC.

Over the years, Chris served in multiple roles at The University of Chicago, including Associate Vice President of Alumni Relations and Development. Additionally, Chris held the positions of Vice President for Development at the Art Institute of Chicago and Vice-President for Development and Marketing at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago.

Chris has presented at numerous conferences including the WWF Global Development Conference, Bridge to Integrated Marketing and Fundraising Conference, Educational Travel Conference, American Association of Museums Annual Conference. She had the distinct pleasure of serving as President of the AMDA and hosting the annual conference in 1989. She is the recipient of the Benjamin Franklin Award for Contribution to the Profession, Chicago chapter, National Society of Fundraising Executives.

Chris holds a B.A. in American Studies with Honors from Michigan State University and has pursued graduate work at the University of Chicago. Though the work she loves got in the way of a graduate degree, as she is discovering in semi-retirement, Life is beckoning once again!

Chris is currently a Consulting Vice President with Grenzebach, Glier and Associates.