



## Abigail Rosenberger Poklar

Chief of Staff, Vice President for Institutional Alignment

Ms. Poklar serves as the Chief of Staff, Vice President for Institutional Alignment for COSI. In this role, Ms. Poklar is responsible for creating and facilitating cross-organizational alignment to enable institutional effectiveness and meaningful community impact. Additionally, Ms. Poklar serves as the executive leader driving a cohesive and team-centric view of employee engagement and internal community building at COSI. Ms. Poklar previously served as COSI's Vice President for Philanthropy.

Prior to her tenure with COSI, Ms. Poklar served as the Director of Advancement for the Capital Area Humane Society (now Columbus Humane), a non-profit animal welfare organization. Ms. Poklar was responsible for leading the Humane Society's development, marketing, and volunteer programs as well as serving as the organization's media spokesperson. During Ms. Poklar's six years of leadership, donations to the Humane Society increased by 122 percent and attendance at the organization's signature fundraiser more than tripled. Ms. Poklar was responsible for forging a new partnership with a regional bank, which led to the creation of an affinity card program and more than 30,000 Paws Banking accounts established and branded banking cards issued in the first year of the program.

With more than 20 years cumulative services to COSI, Ms. Poklar started her professional career in 1995 as a key member of the COSI on the Riverfront capital campaign team, which raised more than \$50 million in private funding to support the science center's move to the Scioto Peninsula. Ms. Poklar served ten years in positions of greater responsibility including Manager of Foundation & Government Support, Director of Annual Giving, and Director of Major Gifts.

Ms. Poklar earned a B.S in Communications and a M.S in Marketing & Communications from Franklin University and is a graduate of Leadership Columbus. A dedicated servant leader, Ms. Poklar serves on the Board of Trustees for Worthington Libraries.

