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Executive Counsel for Nonprofits

Rick Kress, ACFRE, began Kress Consulting and Gift Planning Associates in 2001 as a way to provide executive consulting to the nonprofit sector. Kress Consulting offers a highly customized approach to executive counsel. With deep expertise and experience, we offer solutions that are ideally suited to fit an organization.

His expertise is in major gifts, planned giving, capital campaigns, fundraising management, strategic planning, governance, and coaching. For over 30 years, he has served healthcare systems, hospitals, social services, hospices, elder care organizations, universities, colleges, and K-12 private schools. Many of these organizations have religious sponsors. He works with C-suite executives, boards, and other community leaders.

Before consulting, Rick held these executive positions:

- **Vice president of development and volunteer services**, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, (now Providence St. John), and president of the Providence Health Foundation, both in Southfield, Michigan
- **Vice president of development** for Beaumont Hospitals, Royal Oak/Troy, Michigan
- **Vice president of development and church relations**, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (now Samaritas), Detroit, Michigan

He holds the **Advanced Certified Fundraising Executive** credential (ACFRE), only one of about 100 people in the world so recognized.

He is former **president of the Association of Fundraising Professionals** – Detroit Chapter, and is **president-elect of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeastern Michigan**. He has been chair of five of the eight boards he has served.

Rick is a well-regarded speaker for international, national, regional, and local programs for philanthropy and governance.

Partial List of Organizations Served (Michigan unless otherwise noted)

- American Indian Health & Family Services, Detroit
- Angels Place, Southfield
- Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Ann Arbor
- Arthritis Foundation, Troy
- Ascension Health, St. Louis, Missouri
- Battle Creek Health System, Battle Creek
- Boys & Girls Clubs of SE Michigan, Detroit
- BUF of Michigan, Detroit
- Central City Integrated Health, Detroit
- Cleary University, Ann Arbor
- College for Creative Studies, Detroit
- Crittenton Hospital, Rochester
- Detroit Institute for Children, Detroit
- Detroit Medical Center, Detroit
- Development Centers, Detroit
- Emerson School, Ann Arbor
- Eton Academy, Birmingham
- FAR Therapeutic Arts, Birmingham
- Ferris State University, Big Rapids
- Gilda's Club, Royal Oak
- Gleaner's Community Food Bank
- Henry Ford Health System, Detroit
- Karmanos Cancer Institute (McLaren)
- Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (Samaritas), Detroit
- Lynn University, Boca Raton
- Make-A-Wish Foundation, Brighton
- McLaren Health System, Flint
- McLaren Macomb, Mt. Clemens
- Mercy Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa
- Mercy Hospital, Sioux City, Iowa
- Michigan Medicine Oncology, Ann Arbor
- Orchards Children's Services, Southfield
- Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, Southfield
- Providence St. John, Southfield/Novi
- Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, Ann Arbor
- St. John Health System, Warren
- St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea, Chelsea
- St. Joseph Mercy Brighton
- St. Joseph Mercy Livingston, Howell
- St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac
- St. Joseph Mercy Port Huron, Port Huron
- St. Joseph Mercy, Ann Arbor
- St. Joseph Mercy, Mason City, Iowa
- St. Mary Mercy, Livonia
- St. Mary Mercy, Flint/Saginaw
- St. Mary's Mercy, Grand Rapids
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rochester, MI
- Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Centers, Richmond
- Traverse City Osteopathic (Munson), Traverse City
- Trinity Health, Livonia
- Turning Point, Mt. Clemens
- United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Detroit
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Wayne State University, Detroit
- William Beaumont Hospitals, Royal Oak/Troy
- Zonta International, Traverse City

Affiliations

- Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Greater Detroit, Farmington Hills, MI
- BUF of Michigan, Detroit, MI
- Church of God, General Conference, Anderson, IN
- Inforum, Detroit, MI
- Michigan Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA), Detroit, MI
- Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), Lansing/Detroit, MI
- National Association of Charitable Gift Planners (NACGP), Indianapolis, IN
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Denver, CO
- National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Detroit Section, Southfield, MI
- Planned Giving Roundtable of Southeastern Michigan (PGRSEM), Southfield, MI
- United Methodist Church, Michigan Conference, Detroit, MI