

Christopher Kelly
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Chris is a planned giving product specialist with PNC Institutional Advisory Solutions.

He has more than 28 years' worth of trust, estate, and philanthropic planning experience. Prior to joining the firm, he served for 14 years as a senior philanthropic advisor with the Comerica Charitable Services Group. In addition, he was chairman of the Comerica Charitable Services Group's grant committee and president of the Comerica Charitable Trust and the Comerica Legacy Foundation. Previously, Christopher held similar roles with the Merrill Lynch Trust Company and with the Center for Philanthropy, where he managed the original Merrill Lynch Community Foundation Alliance, a program he grew to over 325 community foundations and dedicated assets of \$1.3 billion.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music performance from the University of Toledo, with advanced studies at the University of Akron and Bowling Green State University.

Chris is a frequent guest speaker for various planned giving councils, educational programs, and donor seminars. He is a member of the Planned Giving Council of Southeast Michigan, serving on that group's council board and has also served as its president. In addition, he is a long-time member of the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning, having served on that group's National Board, Executive Committee and was chairman of the 2013 National Conference held in Minneapolis. He has also been involved with the Council on Foundation, the Council of Michigan Foundation, as well as numerous planned giving committees and the boards of various charities.

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