

Kathryn Ribant Payne bio

Kathryn Ribant Payne has a wealth of marketing, communications, and public relations experience across multiple sectors. After beginning her career in newspaper, she spent 11 years working for the city of Sterling Heights Community Relations Department and Public Library. Following this, she transitioned to the nonprofit sector. She held the position of Director of Marketing and Communications for Oakland Family Services for 7.5 years and recently assumed the role of Communications Director for the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter. In addition, she has been an adjunct professor of public relations for the University of Detroit Mercy. Ribant Payne holds a bachelor's degree in Communications from UDM and a master's degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. Her volunteer endeavors include time spent with Read to a Child and UDM's College of Liberal Arts and Education. She served on UDM's VN 100 Committee, an organizing body for the celebration of the Varsity News student newspaper's 100th anniversary. Currently, she is president of the Royal Oak Public Library Board and a member of Impact100 Oakland County. She is a proud mom to two children and lives in Royal Oak with her husband, Jeff. In addition to her career, Ribant Payne loves reading; gardening and tending to way too many house plants; pottery and other arts and crafts; spending time in nature and riding her Peloton.