

## **Avni Thomas CFRE Bio**

Avni Thomas, CFRE, Director of Grant Management, joined PVM in 2014. Prior to PVM she worked as Development Project Manager at Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services for 7 years. Her responsibilities included raising over \$1.3 million and assisting faculty in requesting funding for research and service projects. She has a BA in Psychology from University of Missouri-Columbia and Master of Public Administration from Oakland University, Rochester, MI. She serves on the Strategic Planning Committee at PVM, and helped plan the national Grantmakers in Aging conference and the statewide Council of Michigan Foundation conference.

She volunteers with the local Association of Fundraising Professionals – Greater Detroit Chapter as vice chair of the Education committee and mentoring fundraisers. She earned her CFRE in September 2018. She and her husband reside in Sterling Heights, Michigan.