

Sarah James joined the Philanthropic Services team at Rose Community Foundation in 2024. She brings more than a decade of experience in fundraising, having worked with a diverse range of organizations across the arts, social services, and education sectors. Throughout her career, Sarah has built meaningful relationships with donors and helped align their philanthropic goals with the evolving needs of their communities.

As Director of Donor Funds and Gift Planning, Sarah leads the donor-advised fund team, partnering with individuals and families to guide values-driven philanthropic strategies.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Sarah served as Associate Director of Annual Giving at the University of Denver. Before DU, she led fundraising efforts at the Art Students League of Denver and played a key role at Warren Village, where she managed individual giving and events.

Sarah holds a BA in Communication Studies from Arizona State University and a MA in Communication Studies from Colorado State University. She is a graduate of the Institute for Leaders in Development.

Outside of work, Sarah is an active volunteer and serves on the Institute for Leaders in Development Steering Committee. She enjoys traveling, hosting gatherings, attending live music, and spending time with friends and her wife, Savanna.