



## Janet I. Alikpala

Creating valuable partnerships between business, education and charitable organizations

Greater Chicago Area

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 KOHA

 University of Illinois at Chicago

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 500+ connections

Progressive executive-level professional with extensive experience strategically positioning corporate, local business, education and nonprofit organizations for success. Expertise in critical thinking, shaping organizational communication strategies and maintaining strong communications framewor...

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### Experience



#### CEO, Co-Founder

KOHA

2017 – Present • 1 yr

Greater Chicago Area

KOHA means gift, contribution or donation in a mutually beneficial way in the Maori language.

KOHA was founded to help local businesses become more visible to school and nonprofits audiences and in turn, our technology helps schools and nonprofits earn additional funding from local businesses all year round.

In 2017, our small team began developing a solution to have these organizations work in a mutually beneficial way. In 2018, we launched KOHA in our first test market, a Western suburb of Chicago, and the response has been positive.

Check out our initiative at [www.koha.life](http://www.koha.life).

#### Media (3)

The Indian Boundary YMCA is proud to partner with KOHA! 

KOHA available  
Boundary YMC/



#### Business Development Director

Nutrition First - Food Manufacturing, School and Senior Nutrition, Ready-to-Eat Meals

**Food Manufacturing, School and Senior Nutrition, Ready-to-Eat Meals**  
2015 – 2017 • 2 yrs  
Greater Chicago Area  
www.qcforkids.com



**Senior Advisor**  
KOHA  
2015 – 2017 • 2 yrs  
Greater Chicago Area



**Senior Strategy Consultant**  
RND Management  
2013 – 2015 • 2 yrs  
Greater Chicago Area



**Public Affairs & Charitable Foundation Director**  
Safeway  
2008 – 2013 • 5 yrs  
Oakbrook, Illinois

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### Education



**University of Illinois at Chicago**  
Bachelor's Degree, Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies  
2001





Activities and Societies: Liturgical Music Director for the University of Illinois at Chicago, John Paul II Newman Center (affiliated with the Archdiocese of Chicago)  
Liturgical Music Director for St. Ignatius College Prep School

### Volunteer Experience



**Volunteer**  
Greater Chicago Food Depository  
Dec 2008 – Present • 9 yrs 6 mos  
Food Depository  
Disaster and Humanitarian Relief



**Volunteer**  
Northern Illinois Food Bank  
Jan 2009 – Present • 9 yrs 5 mos



**Volunteer**  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Feb 2009 – Present • 9 yrs 4 mos

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### Skills & Endorsements

#### Public Relations · 99+



Endorsed by Remi Gonzalez, who is highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 28 of Janet's colleagues at Safeway

#### Fundraising · 55



Endorsed by 24 of Janet's colleagues at Safeway

#### Event Management · 54



Endorsed by 15 of Janet's colleagues at Safeway

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