



A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities

## *Erika Seth Davies Bio*



**Erika Seth Davies** is currently the Director of External Affairs for ABFE. Ms. Davies has been a nonprofit development professional for over ten years and has also worked in the private sector. Prior to joining ABFE, she was the Marketing Associate for Credo Capital Management, an institutional investment management firm in Baltimore, MD. Ms. Davies has spent the majority of her career working for both local and national nonprofit organizations, including Associated Black Charities of Maryland, the Tavis Smiley Foundation, McDaniel College, and the Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust.

In her role with ABFE, Ms. Davies leads the organization's development, membership, and marketing and communications efforts in addition to special projects, including: SMART Investing, a new initiative focused on increasing access for minority- and women-owned investment management firms to opportunities for foundation endowment management; and Leverage the Trust, a campaign to identify and engage 100 Black foundation trustees in ABFE's mission of promoting effective and responsive philanthropy in Black communities.

Ms. Davies has shared her knowledge and experience with colleagues, volunteers, and other professionals, leading classes and workshops on fundraising and proposal writing as a presenter for NeighborWorks America and the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IARSCLE) among other conferences and institutes. She has also served as a consultant for a number of local and national organizations including The SEED Foundation and The SEED School of Maryland, Family Health Centers of Baltimore, and the DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation. In addition to her professional experience, Ms. Davies enjoys volunteer work including board service for Women In Transition. She was a member of the inaugural class (2005-2006) of the ABFE Connecting Leaders Fellowship program and is a current participant in NYU Wagner School of Public Service IGNITE Fellowship for Women of Color in the Social Sector.

Ms. Davies earned a B. A. in English and Certificate of African Studies from Georgetown University, and has also studied at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. Ms. Davies lives in Baltimore, Maryland and is mother of two children.