

Jessie Krafft

Jessie began her tenure with CAF America in 2011, and currently serves as the Senior Vice President of External Affairs. In her current role, Jessie coordinates the offices of the Grants and Donor Services teams, Business Development team, and the Thought Leadership & Communications team. Jessie develops and executes services assisting donors with strategic grantmaking, philanthropy planning, and investing charitable assets. She is a leading expert in international grantmaking from the U.S. and Canada as well as in local country laws on foreign funding. She manages the grants team, overseeing fund management, charity vetting, and grant processing functions. In addition, she is managing the operations of our newest office, CAF Canada.

Jessie completed her Masters in International Development program at American University in 2016, and she holds B.A. in Spanish and a B.S. in Anthropology, graduating summa cum laude from the honors college at Virginia Commonwealth University.

She also received a certificate in Nonprofit Executive Management at Georgetown University in early summer 2013. Jessie is fluent in Spanish and holds a Spanish Certificate of Translation and Interpretation from her alma mater. She is also certified in Anti-Money Laundering (AML/CFT) by the Society of Tax and Estate Professionals (STEP).

Prior to joining the CAF America staff, Jessie worked for 1.5 years as a volunteer visitor coordinator, tutor, and child caretaker at an orphanage in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. As the visitor coordinator, she successfully coordinated several orthopedic surgical brigades that serviced the home and the surrounding communities.