



Award for Outstanding Fundraising Professional

This award recognizes an individual who works directly for a non-profit, charitable organization. This person is dedicated to serving charitable institutions and is committed to the advancement of philanthropy.

Rachael Wilson, CFRE

Rachael Wilson is the CEO of the Ottawa Food Bank, the first female CEO in its 37-year history. Since 2016, Rachael has been the Director of Communications & Development on the Ottawa Food Bank's executive team.

Prior to becoming a staff member at the Ottawa Food Bank, Rachael held high-level fundraising positions within the charitable sector for most of her 20-year career. She is committed to addressing complex issues by connecting and empowering stakeholders, including donors, politicians, and those with lived experience. She brings a sharp and strategic approach to every team she leads.

Rachael was born and raised in Ottawa. Although she has left several times, she always returns to her hometown. She resides here with her husband, two children, and her golden retriever, Rosie.