



Allison McDermott

Executive Director



Allison McDermott has been the Executive Director of the Havens Relief Fund Society since April 2013. Havens, a private foundation established in 1871, helps struggling New Yorkers overcome financial crises by providing one-time grants through a network of community leaders. Under her leadership, Havens has increased its charitable giving budget by over 30%.

Ms. McDermott has spent her career in New York City's nonprofit sector. Before Havens, she worked at Pro Bono Net for 12 years, serving as Deputy Director for seven. There, she managed programs, operations, and expanded LawHelp.org across 28 states.

Earlier, she held roles at the MONY Foundation, Her Justice, and Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation.

Ms. McDermott holds a BA from Tufts University and an MS in Social Administration from Columbia University. She lives in New York City with her husband, two daughters, and their dog, Maple.

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