

Shannon Kelly
Executive Director
The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation

Shannon Kelly became executive director of The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation, a charitable trust that assists humans in need in the Thoroughbred industry in North America, in November 2019.

She had served as development manager of The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation since December 2013.

As director, Kelly is responsible for the major gift fundraising and the distribution of charitable assistance. She plans multiple charity events each year and travels to racetracks nationwide to assess need. In addition to these roles, Kelly is responsible for The Jockey Club membership services and organizes many of The Jockey Club's events, meetings, and conferences.

Kelly can also be found assisting industry partners with hospitality at premier racing events, such as the Breeders' Cup World Championships, the Preakness Stakes, and the Pegasus World Cup. She serves as an advisory board member for the Belmont Child Care Association and is an active volunteer with the Racetrack Chaplaincy of America's New York Division.

Prior to joining The Jockey Club, Kelly worked in the customer service department for the New York Racing Association during the summer racing meet at Saratoga Race Course. She also spent a year working in the travel and luxury lifestyle public relations industry in New York City and served as an account coordinator for Nancy J. Friedman Public Relations.

Kelly has a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Providence College. She lives in Carle Place, N.Y.