

Joe Pierce

Joe is the Grant Specialist here at Lakeshore Advantage, joining the team in 2022. Joe leads efforts to identify, evaluate, prepare, and implement grant applications from public and private funding sources. He also manages reporting for grant opportunities and provides specialized project support as a member of the Strategic Initiatives team.



Prior to joining the team, Joe was an associate grant writer in Grand Rapids. In that role Joe successfully connected organizations and local governments with funding and supported development of a small funding opportunity newsletter. Before focusing on grants, Joe worked in a variety of human service fields, including having taught English in Spain, assistant managed Community Action House's Community Kitchen, and conducted research on available resources for individuals with disabilities.

Joe has a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Hope College as well as a Master of Social Work from University of Michigan School of Social Work, where he studied Program Evaluation and Applied Research. Outside of work Joe serves as a Board Member for Growing Roots, a nonprofit nature-based living and working facility for adults with disabilities. Joe has a passion for reading and spends his spare time in science fiction and fantasy novels. A lover of sports and the outdoors, you can find Joe snowboarding in the winter, and playing soccer and disc golf in the warmer months.

"Having grown up on the North Side and gone to Hope, I know the lakeshore community and want to see it succeed. I hope that our efforts will increase the prosperity and quality of life for all members of our community."

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