



Demi Kolke joined Neighborhood Allies in May of 2019 to serve as the Senior Program Manager of Corridor Revitalization. In this role, Demi works to enhance Homewood's neighborhood business district through small business support, physical improvements, marketing and events. She works alongside community-based organizations to achieve equitable economic growth for the neighborhood. Additionally, she supports other Neighborhood Allies boots on the ground initiatives to assist in capacity building and offering technical support and assistance.

Demi also serves as an advisory member to the Homewood-Brushton Business Association and is the Founder and Owner of Kenny's, an outdoor community and cultural celebration space in Homewood.

She has served the neighborhood of Homewood for 10 years, first at the Homewood YMCA, then several years at Operation Better Block, Inc. creating programs for homeowner stabilization and resident-driven neighborhood revitalization. Her most recent position as a Senior Planner for the City of Pittsburgh gave her an opportunity to advocate for and enact policy that would further enhance her previous work. Demi has a Master's degree in Social Work from University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from North Dakota State University.

Recently, Demi was presented with the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Pitt Social Work program for her work in Homewood. She is very passionate about the neighborhood where she lives, works, and plays. Her one year old daughter serves as a newfound motivation to brighten Homewood for the next generation.