

BIOGRAPHY

At six years of age, I had my first taste of fundraising, hosting a Muscular Dystrophy Association Carnival, complete with pin the tail on the donkey and water balloon toss. Now, years later, I continue to help good agencies and their good causes by inspiring the joy of giving in others as a licensed Fundraising Counselor. Working with small to mid-size nonprofits, I provide support around all major aspects of fundraising.

Helping people connect their values to good causes that matter to them is a privilege for me. As a professional Fundraising Counselor I draw on my twenty-years of nonprofit management experience and for-profit business ownership. In my career, I have worked for agencies with budgets of up to \$9,000,000, in positions ranging from Development Manager to Communications Director. As a volunteer Board member, I have helped lead five nonprofit agencies, including a multi-million dollar arts funder and a nationally recognized mental health counseling center.

Additionally, I have started several for-profit businesses, including a national trade association for film and video distributors, community newspaper, events production company and successful restaurant. As a result of my varied background, I bring strong skills in collaborative management, strategic planning, marketing communications and community relations to all my work.

The common thread throughout my career has been a desire to bring people together. Working across race, class, age, gender, sexuality and ability, I work to foster a world that embraces people for whom they are and encourage them to live their dreams. Today I do the work I do, because at its core, fundraising is about building such transformative relationships between people and institutions.

Born and raised in Minnesota, I moved to San Francisco a decade ago, looking for a community that reflected these values. Today I assist nonprofits with their fundraising needs to insure that the dream that brought so many of us to the Bay Area is kept alive.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, I received my Certification in Fundraising Management (CFRM) from the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University in 2005. For my work I have received Certificates of Merit from the California State Senate and Assembly. Currently, I am the President of the Development Executive's Roundtable (DER), a trade association of local community fundraisers. I am also a member of the national Association of Fundraising Professionals.