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Personal and Professional Background

Personal Background

I was born and raised in Colorado and Wyoming. I am a fifth generation/native Coloradoan. My husband and I moved to Montana's Bitterroot Valley from Breckenridge, Colorado in 1985 when our son was one. Will, our son, lives between Sheridan and Stevensville, Montana. I currently reside at the Ruby Valley Inn in Sheridan, Montana, which I have owned and operated since 2002. I have owned property in the Ruby Valley since 1994.

Education

- University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- University College Dublin "UCD" Dublin, Ireland (soccer scholarship)
- Internship: Watumu - Kenya, Khartoum - Sudan, Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt
- University of Colorado, Boulder CO, BS Marketing, Commercial Recreation, Adaptive PE
- Indiana University Center on Philanthropy - Indianapolis, IN "The Fundraising School" completed masters level courses for Certification in Fundraising Management

Professional Experience

Present:

- Ruby Valley Healthcare Foundation – Capital Campaign and Development Director, Sheridan, MT
- Liberty Place, LLC – Grant Writer and Development Director, Whitehall, MT
- Twin Bridges Senior & Community Center – Development Director – Twin Bridges, MT
- Ruby Valley Inn/Bed and Breakfast - Owner/Proprietor - Sheridan, MT

Past

2001 - 2015

- Thompson-Hickman County Library – Director of Development – Virginia City MT.
- Mehmke Steam Tractor Museum – Director of Development – Great Falls and Dillon, MT.
- Southwestern Montana Family YMCA - Director of Financial Development and Marketing – Dillon, MT
- President - Elect Montana Health Care and Communication Development Association.
- Barrett Hospital & HealthCare - Foundation Director, Hospital Marketing Director – Dillon, MT

1997 - 2000

- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Montana - Missoula's Ronald McDonald House Project - Project Director, Missoula, MT

1980-1997 Consultant to:

- Community Medical Center Foundation – Missoula, MT
- Community Medical Center - Missoula, MT
- St Patrick Hospital, Missoula, MT
- The International Heart Symposium, Missoula, MT
- The International Heart Institute, Missoula, MT
- The River Ranch Horse Racing Facility, Hamilton, MT
- Charles Schwab and Ken Seibel, Stevensville, MT
- The Western Montana Clinic, Missoula, MT
- The Western Montana Fair, Missoula, MT
- The University of Montana, Missoula MT
- Aspen Ski Company - Marketing - Breckenridge CO
- Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center – Director – Breckenridge CO
- John Denver’s Windstar Foundation, Old Snowmass, CO

Experience/Specialties:

- Non-profit sector: grant writing, special events, program development, fundraisers, creating radio, newspaper ads and PSAs, marketing, strategic marketing and planning, public relations, fund drives, creating and designing brochures/public relation pieces, networking, board recruitment, board oversight, planned giving, major gift solicitations, fiscal management and oversight, capital campaigns, rock concerts and entertainment fundraisers to include the late John Denver, Kenny Rogers, Rob Quist, Riders in the Sky, Ian Tyson, and Baxter Black.
- I have owned and operated 3 for-profit businesses over the years!
- My homes have been featured in Sunset Magazine and Log Home Magazine.

Hobbies/Interests

- Horseback riding, draft horse driving, running, swimming, cooking, hosting a variety of interesting guests at the Inn, reading, travelling, golf, and spending time with my family, friends, dogs and horses!
- I would add that I have been in the non-profit sector for most of my career. I elected to be in this field because I believe that every one of us has a social responsibility to help one another. I have been privileged to have been given a wonderful education, great careers, good health, incredible experiences and the luxury of travel. I have truly seen those less fortunate than many, hence my strong desire to “give back” and help make a difference in the community I live in.

Board Affiliations

Member: Community Health Center Board of Directors, Sheridan, Dillon and Butte, MT

Member: Sheridan/Alder Parks and Recreation District, Board of Directors, Madison County, MT.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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