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Experience

Disability and Racial Justice Organizer, Michigan Disability Rights Coalition; East Lansing, MI - 2017-Present

- Develop and facilitate training opportunities for adults with I/DD and parents of minors with I/DD.
- Provide oversight of contractors working on capacity building work.
- Develop and execute internal assessments of processes to develop promising practices around inclusion in historically white disability spaces.
- Build a supportive network of adults and parents of color advocating to eliminate adverse outcomes for people with disabilities in the state.

Founder and Co-Director, women reVamped; Michigan - 2013-Present

- Provide strategic direction and manage major organizational activities such as fundraising, advocacy work, collaborative programming, grant making activities and internships.
- Represent the organizations interests nationally and present the work of women reVamped to key stakeholders and learning communities.

Director of Strategic Programs, Partners for a Racism-Free Community; Grand Rapids, MI - 2015-2018

- Developed and organized all community based race and racial equity programming.
- Managed all external communications and public relations activities.
- Cultivated partnerships and identified new opportunities for strategic collaborations building awareness around racism in Greater Grand Rapids resulting in an additional \$50,000 in contributions for programming.

Program Manager, Habitat for Humanity Michigan; Lansing, MI — 2013-2014

- Developed program and evaluation metrics for Michigan Habitat's AmeriCorps Program.
 - Managed 28 individuals serving 13 sites around the state of Michigan; includes payroll, reporting responsibilities and professional development.
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- Provided oversight for federal grant, managing the administration of \$400,000 annual program budget; operational dollars attained through grant-writing and facilitating local match campaigns.
 - Built financial and structural capacity of Habitat's AmeriCorps Program through nurturing relationships with funders and partner organizations statewide.

AmeriCorps Service Member, Grand Rapids Community Foundation; Grand Rapids, MI — 2012-2013

- Coordinated outreach and mentor recruitment efforts for Youth Enrichment Scholars (YES) Program.
- Screened, interviewed and matched adult mentors to young people enrolled in YES program.

Research Consultant, Council of Michigan Foundations, Grand Haven, MI — 2012

- Coordinated relationship between Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Council of Michigan Foundations.
- Interviewed, transcribed and developed visual records of alumni previously engaged in youth project over the 20 year research interval.

Program Associate, Council of Michigan Foundations, Grand Haven, MI — 2010-2012

- Planned and coordinated regional trainings and annual youth conference.
- Budgeting and oversight of over \$1,000,000 youth endowments.
- Developed 3 Major Toolkits for Council of Michigan Foundations Community Foundation clients.

Education

Grand Valley State University; Allendale, MI — Bachelor of Science

Publication History

- "What the People of Flint really need," For Harriet, 2016
 - "Facing race in the diversified workforce," Rapid Growth Media, April 2016
 - "Beyond the rhetoric: Struggling to institutionalize equity," Rapid Growth Media, June 2016
 - "I wish my life mattered," The Raptidian, July 2016
 - "The nation we've made: On mobility for young people," Rapid Growth Media, September 2016
 - "The big picture: When you teach your kids racism, they will perform," The Raptidian, September 2016
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Professional Affiliations

Young Nonprofit Professionals Network – Grand Rapids, MI

Member at Large, 2013 to 2014

Board Co-Chair, 2015 to 2017

Opportunity Nation – Washington, D.C.

Scholar, 2012 to 2015

Michigan Community Service Commission – Lansing, MI

Commissioner, 2007 to 2013

Michigan LEAGUE Commission – Lansing, MI

Board Member 2007 to 2011

Michigan Community Foundations Youth Project – Grand Haven, MI

Board Member, 2006 to 2009

References available upon request.
