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QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE:

- Experienced in capacity building and network weaving for nonprofit and philanthropic organizations.
- Adept at assisting nonprofits and philanthropies in matching needs and resources through strategic use of information and communication technologies.
- Highly accomplished in creating professional development opportunities for employees of mission-based organizations.
- Able to foster constructive dialogue among nonprofits and philanthropies.

EXPERIENCE:

Senior Strategist

Tech Networks of Boston, April 2013 – Present
Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Highlights:

- Designing and facilitating over 100 professional development workshops for employees of nonprofit organizations.
- Initiating and building relationships, on behalf of Tech Networks of Boston, with nonprofit and philanthropic organizations in Massachusetts; offering those organizations strategic guidance on request; and connecting them to resources and potential collaboration partners.
- Designed and implemented a three-part series in which grant makers and nonprofit grantees engaged in candid dialogue about data and evaluation.
- Designed and implemented trainings on outcome management and visualization of outcomes data for nonprofit organizations.

Chief Strategic Officer

TNB Labs, 2016 – 2017

Framingham, Massachusetts, USA

Highlight:

- Served as a consultant to the DataBasic.io project (based at Emerson College's Engagement Lab, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Civic Media) to ensure that DataBasic's free web-based suite of data analysis tools was optimized for the use of nonprofit organizations.

Founder and Manager

Mission-Based Massachusetts, 2005 – Present

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Highlights:

- Founded and developed the Mission-Based Massachusetts (MBM) group as an online community for those who care about nonprofit, philanthropic, educational, community-based, and grassroots groups in Massachusetts.
- Current membership exceeds 3,000 individuals.
- Spun off six special interest online communities for nonprofit professionals in Massachusetts.

Independent Consultant

Strategic Technology Consultant to Nonprofit and Philanthropic Organizations, 2002

– Present

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Highlights:

- Provided consultation and research for the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors.
- Philanthropic clients included Boston Foundation, Rhode Island Foundation, Cape Cod Foundation, CTK Foundation, and TechFoundation

- Nonprofit clients included Third Sector New England (now known as TSNE MissionWorks), Boston Cares, Ask Your Lawmaker, Community Catalyst/Health Care For All, Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth, Public Conversations Project (now known as Essential Partners), BEST/Hotel Training Center, Perkins School for the Blind, Leadership MetroWest, New England Museum Association, Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, CompuMentor/TechSoup, and Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts
- Corporate clients included Community TechKnowledge, Annkissam, 501Partners, and Data Collaborative.

National Nonprofit Liaison Officer / Director of Boston TechConnect

TechFoundation, 2000 – 2002
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Highlights:

- Foundation officer, responsible for cultivating and maintaining relationships with nonprofit organizations, nonprofit technology assistance providers, researchers, and other foundations.
- Successfully created, developed, and implemented programs to further the foundation's social mission, which was to collaborate to deliver information technology to the nonprofit sector.

Information Systems Manager

Family Service of Greater Boston, 1997 – 2000
Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Highlight:

- Planned and supervised major restructuring of information systems, including Year 2000 compliance, hardware, operating system, and software upgrades of desktop systems, hardware and operating system upgrades of network server, expansion of local area network to wide area network, continuous staff training, compliance with Department of Public Health and Council On Accreditation standards, and implementation of an electronic request and tracking system.

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. coursework, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
(1984 - 1988)

Master of Theological Studies., Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
USA
(1984)

Bachelor of Arts, Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont, USA
(1981)

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Current:

- Mission-Based Massachusetts (founder and moderator)

Past:

- Working group for online tools to assist nonprofits with capacity mapping and resource matching (founder and member, under the auspices of the Rhode Island Foundation)
- Ethos Roundtable (co-founder and co-convener)
- Information Systems Forum (founder and moderator)
- Nonprofit Tech Jobs (founder and moderator)
- Boston Technobabes (founder and member)
- Commonwealth Civic Roundtable (member, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth)
- Editorial Board of the "NTEN: Change" journal (member, under the auspices of the Nonprofit Technology Network)
- Civic engagement advisory group of the Boston Foundation (member)
- Circuit Rider Affinity Group of the Nonprofit Technology Enterprise Network (elected representative)