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**** Qualifications & Job Skills:**

- * Licensed Social Worker (Ohio)
- * Experienced in:
 - Designing and developing programs/projects for people with disabilities
 - Grant writing, managing budgets, strategic planning and program/project evaluation
 - Hiring, training, supervising and evaluating staff
 - Recruiting, interviewing, training and managing volunteers
- * Creative and effective in problem solving
- * Strong oral and written communication skills
- * Strong teaching and public presentation skills
- * Creative approach to publicizing and marketing
- * Flexible and collaborative interpersonal style
- * Detail oriented and well organized
- * Competent in use of computer programs, adaptive equipment and Braille

**** Work Experience:**

- * American Council of the Blind of Ohio (ACBO), Executive Director
 - Was responsible for all business operations, including management of the assets of ACBO; managing the personnel of ACBO, providing information and counsel to the board of directors; and maintaining the community programs of ACBO.

- * Goodwill Columbus / Founder-Developer-Manager of Volunteers' Express
 - Created innovative service providing personal support services to people with visual/physical disabilities throughout Franklin County. This expanded the scope of the agency and brought additional public awareness to it by recruiting community-wide volunteers.

- * Accessible Arts of Central Ohio Inc. / Key Founding Member & Project Coordinator
 - Initially served as sub-committee chair for the Community Film Association concerning an effort to provide audio description of film to people with visual impairments: Then, instrumental in moving project to an independent organization with grants from the Ohio Arts Council and the Columbus Foundation. This resulted in an ongoing arts organization that now provides audio description of both movies, live theater and other events.

- * VSA-Ohio (formerly Ohio Very Special Arts Network) / Interim Executive Director
 - Stabilized independent state arts agency serving people (mostly children) with disabilities, while overseeing the steps required to become a national affiliate of VSA.

This changeover provided the organization with a stronger funding base and a national image.

* Ohio Arts Council-Ohio Legal Rights Services-Nationwide Insurance / Consultant
Advised organizations/businesses on how to make their Web sites more accessible to people with visual impairments.

Note: The Ohio Arts Council consultancy was extensive, lasting several months.

* National Endowment for the Arts / Speaker/Presenter

Examples:

Arts Midwest in Minneapolis, Minnesota

American Association of Museums in Dallas, Texas

National Craft Association-Directors Association in San Antonio, Texas

National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts in Columbus, Ohio

* Ohio Arts Council / Grants Evaluation Panel Member / Conference Representative
Reviewed grant applications from arts organizations proposing programs to serve diverse populations, determined their merit and recommended funding.

Represented OAC at two national arts conferences on diversity- Columbus, Ohio & Memphis, Tennessee.

* Wexner Center for the Performing Arts, Columbus / Consultant-Performer

Recruited 4 people with visual impairments as performers in a New York choreographer's dance production, arranged for audio description and obtained front-page newspaper publicity for the Wexner Center by focusing on the community component.

* Broadway Series, Columbus / Project Developer-Coordinator

Initiated and carried out an Ohio Arts Council funded project I designed to provide behind the scenes tours for people with visual impairments just prior to 3 Broadway shows (Cats, The Unsinkable Molly Brown & Chess), resulting in added richness to the productions and an expanded audio description program.

** Teaching Experience:

* Korean ESL company out of California / Instructor

Taught ESL weekdays via phone to South Korean students living there.

* The Ohio State University Creative Activities Arts Program / Instructor

Taught knitting and crocheting classes to the general public.

* F & R Lazarus Department Store, Columbus / Art & Needle Work Instructor

Taught knitting and crocheting to customers on a walk-in basis and resolved customers' projects gone awry.

** Individual Artist Experience:

* Headlands Center for the Arts in San Francisco /3-month Artist in Residence
(Selected by the Ohio Arts Council as a result of receiving one of its Artist awards)
While there, exhibited my artwork & participated in lecture series, "Clay as a Second Language" presented by the California College of Art & Craft

* Acme Art Gallery in Columbus / Exhibitor
Selected by a jury for a large, interactive installation, which allowed the general public to explore my art by touch before seeing it. This supported Acme's mission of presenting new innovative work and gained it publicity when my installation was chosen for the "Top 10 Exhibits" that year by the art critic for the "Columbus Dispatch."

* Women at Play / Cast Member
Performed in 3 plays- Open House, Hungry Hearts and Yoga Warriors. This demonstrated that people who are visually impaired can perform alongside actors who are non-disabled. I even played a sighted person in the first play.

** Education:

- * The Ohio State University / BSSW in Social Welfare / cum laude
- * The Ohio State University / Coursework in the Departments of Sculpture and Ceramics
- * Continuing Education to maintain Social Worker License for Ohio
- * National Speakers' Association of Ohio / 18-month Course in Columbus
- * Voice Over Training /16-hour course by Susan Andrea of Columbus
- * Columbus State Community College / Business Course for people with disabilities

** Awards & Honors

- * Ohio Womens Hall of Fame / Inductee
- * YWCA Woman of Achievement / Inductee
- * Honorary Chair/ United Way of Franklin County Campaign

- * Ann Gazelle Founder Award / Goodwill Columbus
- * Outstanding Achievement Award / Ohio Theater Alliance
- * 2 Individual Artist Fellowships / Ohio Arts Council
- * Featured in international textbook, "Hands in Clay by Speight & Toky, 4th Edition

** Interests & Hobbies:

The Arts, Interior Design, Landscaping, Gardening, Volunteering & Staying Fit