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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Unique career history demonstrates superior organizational and creative abilities. Known statewide and locally as progressive leader in disability awareness.
- Culturally sensitive.
- Seasoned public speaker and published writer.
- Highly organized and versatile self-starter with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Leadership style motivates strong team cohesiveness and commitment to results.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Administration of state-wide blindness organization, including membership, programs, outreach, public awareness, advocacy, education, and resource referral.
- Conducted interviewing, training, and scheduling, of over 250 volunteers.
- Community/Coalition Building – Selected to participate in state board of national organization addressing blindness issues. Participated in community-based project/review teams and focus groups. Responsible for development of local chapter of national public speakers' training entity. Addresses service clubs and community organizations on behalf of people who are blind. Performed major role in nationally distributed instructional video on communication with people with disabilities.

EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS

American Council of the Blind of Ohio
Executive Director
Gahanna, Ohio

August 2006-Present

VOICEcorps
(formerly CORRS – The Central Ohio Radio Reading Service)
Director of Volunteers
Columbus, Ohio

1985-2006

Independent Contractor
Gahanna, Ohio

Free Lance Writer

1974 –Present

Ski for Light International
Guide Trainer

1992-Present

The Vision Center of Central Ohio 1968-1969
Client Case Worker/ Instructor, Braille and Daily Living Skills
Columbus, Ohio

Independent Contractor 1974-1985
Dancer-cise Instructor
Columbus, Ohio

EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio – Bachelor of Science in Social Work
- Volunteer Administrators' Network, Columbus, Ohio – Volunteer Management
- Continued Education – National and community-based seminars and workshops on contemporary issues related to: *stress management, time management, interpersonal relationships, public speaking, conducting workshops*

PUBLICATIONS

- “*The Bungee That Binds*”, Chicken Soup for the Parent’s Soul
- “*A Young Mother’s Story*”, Redbook Magazine
- “*Beating Those Transportation Blues*”, Dialogue Magazine

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Council of the Blind
- Ohio Disability Votes Coalition
- Participatory Action Team
- Solidarity '07 Planning Committee
- Ohio Schools Joint Campus Project Advisory Committee
- Accessible Arts
Board Member—Secretary
- Ohio Women with Disabilities Network
- International Association of Audio Information Services
Board of Trustees, 2003
- Toastmasters International
Founder, Gahanna, Ohio, Chapter
- State Library for the Blind
Member, Consumer Advisory Committee
- Ski for Light International
Delegate, International Event in Norway, 1991
Member, Event Planning Committee
Member, Ohio Planning Committee
- La Leche League
Founder, Gahanna, Ohio, Chapter

SELECTED PRESENTATION TOPICS

Disability Awareness:

- Communicating with people with disabilities
- Hotel convention staff orientation – people with disabilities
- What do I do when I meet a blind person?
- When Pippen Meets Mary, the Story of a Seeing Eye Dog
- How to be an effective public speaker
- The English Language – Use it, Don't Abuse It

Triumph in Sports:

- The Joys of Winter – Cross Country Skiing
- It Takes Two to Tandem – Tandem Cycling
- Carrying a Torch – A Love for the Olympic Flame

Family Reflections:

- If My Grandchildren Only Knew My Grandmother – Life When There Was No TV

AWARDS

- Toastmaster of the Year 2003, Gahanna Toastmasters
- Olympic Torch Bearer 2001, International Olympic Committee
- Ambassador Award 1990, American Council of the Blind

References Available upon Request