



Growing Philanthropy and the Fundraising Profession



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Background

Development Field

Mary has dedicated her profession to building the capacity of community-based efforts at growing healthy children, youth and families. She currently leads MEMconsultants, a consulting practice that empowers these groups with planning, evaluation, and collaboration skills necessary to achieve remarkable results. Prior to founding MEMconsultants, she served as Director of Technical Assistance and Resources at the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority; there she served on the team that managed \$20 million dollars in annual grants to school districts, law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations to support violence prevention efforts.

Special Skills in the Field

- Use of program evaluation to demonstrate program successes
- Strategic planning
- Specialized knowledge about fostering youth development and preventing violence

Volunteer Work

- NDOA Board of Directors 2006-present
- Coordinator, Teach for America Alumni Chapter: Seattle 2002-present
- Zoo Keeper Aide, Orangutan Unit, Woodland Park Zoo 2003-2006

Favorite Things

Mary lives in Seattle with her husband, Derek, and son, Nathan. They travel in and out of the country whenever they can, with recent trips to Patagonia, Bali and Guatemala. Mary was originally drawn to Seattle by the mountains, and enjoys hiking and snowshoeing. Prior to moving in Seattle, Mary was a Teach for America Corps member in rural North Carolina, and earned a B.A. in psychology from Haverford College in Pennsylvania.