



**Karen Donahue Robinson**  
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### ***Background***

#### Development field and related experience

Karen started her career in fundraising as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the outer islands of Micronesia and since that time has raised money for the environment, the arts, health and human services and international aid and development. She most recently joined the Seattle office of Mercy Corps as the Director of Constituency Development after having served as the Director of Major Gifts at United Way of King County for 6 years.

#### Special skills in the field

Karen received her CFRE in 2004. Her areas of expertise include the development, planning and implementation of major gifts programs and the cultivation and solicitation of individuals for gifts of \$10,000 to \$1 million+.

#### Volunteer work

In addition to serving on the NDOA board, and co-chairing the NDOA Strategic Issues Series, she serves on the advisory council for KEXP 90.3.

### ***Favorite Things***

Karen received her Master's in International Administration from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. She sailed around the world as a resident director with Semester at Sea, and continues to travel as often as possible with her husband, Danny. She likes to hike, camp and kayak and spend time with family and friends spread throughout the US.

"My first fundraising experience was as a Peace Corps Volunteer. I wrote a grant, with leaders of Yap Island, for a water catchment to support the expanding island population...on a typewriter with no correction tape. It was funded!"