Laurie Riskin

* OBJECTIVE

To apply my experiences in administration and program directing and my strengths in leadership and organization to promote productive business organizations and educational opportunities

* KEY STRENGTHS

I have strong organizational and facilitation skills, and thoughtful inter-personal skills. I'm resourceful and detail-oriented. I'm a problem solver and a decision-maker. I am a warm-hearted, open-minded person. I'm compassionate and I get along with most everybody. I have creative, artistic talents. I love to garden. I love to dance.

~ PROGRAM MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

* SYRE GALLERY - ART EXHIBIT, Curator: Paintings of My Life

Featured at Syre Gallery, Bellingham, WA, I curated the exhibit titled "Paintings of My Life" featuring a collection of Beth Margolis's 60 works of Art - including her original paintings, beautiful Giclée reproductions and her newly published book, Paintings of My Life.

* BOOK PUBLISHER/CO-CREATOR, The books: Uplifted Down Syndrome and Paintings of My Life 2014-present On behalf of my close friend, Beth Margolis, I produced and published two different books of her paintings and inspirational poetry (2016 and 2021). I also create Beth's Fine Art Greetings cards and prints of her paintings. Her work is on sale locally, at regional art festivals, and on her website.

* WORKING WATERFRONT COALITION of Whatcom County, Program Coordinator

The Working Waterfront Coalition promotes the vitality and economic benefits of our working waterfronts for the people of Whatcom County. As Program Coordinator, I provided program coordination, administrative support, and communications management to implement the policies established by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. I wrote the minutes from Board meetings and created the documents to be posted online and mailed to their members; I designed the quarterly Newsletters for print and online mailing.

* JANSEN ART CENTER, Executive Director

For 5 months, I was involved in the integral role of the start-up of the Jansen Art Center, Lynden WA. In that time, I worked with the management team in decision-making and in shaping the upcoming arts programs. My accomplishments included: the selection and hiring of its artists/instructors, the public relations campaign, the first community Open House, the performance events and gallery exhibits and the design content for the website.

* WELLSPRING COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Co-Director, Co-Founder, Administrator

For almost 20 years, along with my husband, Bill Snow, I was the Co-Founder and Co-Director of WellSpring Community School, a private, nonprofit, accredited and WA State Approved School, serving Whatcom County youth, grades 8-12. My skills and responsibilities reflected the many aspects of administration and program management. Over the years, WellSpring created a successful and innovative student-centered model for education. Within a supportive community of mentors and peers, our students made huge gains in their academic progress and most importantly, gained a renewed sense of self and empowerment through our program experience. We had a rewarding career serving our students and their families and the numerous community organizations we networked with.

*** COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Over the span of 18 years, I organized and accompanied my high school students to work on service-learning projects on behalf of non-profit organizations in Whatcom County.

* COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS, WHATCOM COUNTY

I was on the task force and then maintained a position as a Board Member for the local branch of Community In Schools—a prominent organization which works to bridge schools and their families with community services and mentoring opportunities for students of need.

* KIDS' PLACE THEATER ARTS CENTER, Bellingham, WA Founder, Director, Head Teacher

I designed, administered, taught and directed Afterschool Enrichment Programs and Summer Camps, and Theater Arts performances/programs for children ages preschool through middle school.

* EDUCATION Bachelor of Science, University of Iowa major: Recreational Therapy, minor: Elem. Art Educ 1969-1973

2020-2021

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