# Summary

Effective verbal and written communication skills in preparing and delivering numerous presentations

Extensive knowledge of community network including work with elected officials, business and civic leadership

Ability to maintain harmonious relationships among a mixture of interest groups while pursuing community betterment

Experienced in event planning and program production on a variety of scales

Fair and practical approach allows a safe and level playing field for all community partners, and enables the implementation efficiencies and collaborative strategies that leverage the strengths of each stakeholder

# Work Experience

## Senior Vice President, Greater Des Moines Partnership 2008-present

Expanded collaborative network of affiliated chambers of commerce from 18 to include 23 organizations across eight counties

Provide support and resources for metro area chambers of commerce in an effort to increase their effectiveness

Establish, manage, and implement department budget and program evaluations

Manage work of several volunteer committees and Board of Directors

Created, launched and maintain Central Iowa SourceLink information portal for startups and small businesses before transitioning it to a statewide program.

Generate and execute wellness and sustainability initiatives in accordance with Capital Crossroads regional vision plan, including GetActive toolkits to help businesses implement wellness program

Lead walkability study for Downtown Des Moines

Helped launch Urban Land Institute Iowa

## Special Projects Manager, Greater Des Moines Partnership 2000-2008

Lead staff researching, initiating and executing buy local campaign for the metro area

Lead staff coordinating annual advocacy trip to Washington D.C. including 200 participants; logistics, multiple presentations and engagement from Congressional leadership and staff

Developed a variety of small business focused programs ranging from educational to political

# Education and Professional Development

## Iowa State University

Major: Chemistry

Leadership Iowa

Mary Louise Smith Women’s Leadership program

Certified Association Executive certification

Institute for Organization Management certification

# Awards and Honors

Business Record Forty Under 40 honoree

# Community Engagement and Volunteer Work

CEOs for Cities, Board of Directors

*Forbes* Nonprofit Council , Member

Maddie’s Circle Financial Literacy Training, founding member

Iowa Primate Learning Sanctuary, Board of Directors

United Way of Central Iowa, Women’s Leadership Circle Donor

Iowa Chamber of Commerce Executives, Board of Directors