

Sonia Ashe

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Education

Beloit College, May 2007, Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts: International Relations and Environmental Studies Double Major

Work Experience

Young Women's Resource Center, Des Moines, IA

Fund Development Coordinator, April 2014-present

- Grant-writing for local and national foundations, corporations, and service organizations
- Major donor development and individual fundraising
- Coordination of annual mailings, third party fundraising events, and online fundraising

Iowa Public Interest Research Group, Des Moines, IA

Statewide Consumer Advocate, October 2010-April 2013

- Grassroots organizing, volunteer and intern management
- Independent research focused on energy, education, transportation, and consumer rights
- Advocacy work to pass legislative policies in the public interest

Institute for Rural Research and Development, Haryana, India

Video Documentarian, November 2009-March 2010

- Direction, filming, and editing of a short video documentary detailing a water management intervention implemented in the water scarce district of Mewat

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, Des Moines, IA

Rural Community Organizer, October 2007-October 2009

- Grassroots organization of rural communities in local and state level campaigns
- Fundraising through grant writing, event organizing, and major donor development

Board & Management Experience

Young Non-Profit Professionals Network, Des Moines, IA

Social Committee Board Chair, 2015

Junior League, Des Moines, IA

Training & Education Committee, Manager, 2015

Mary Louise Smith Women's Leadership Institute, Chair, 2014

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Des Moines, IA

Board Leadership Team, 2012-2013

Iowa Insurance Division, Des Moines, IA

Consumer Assistance Resource Board, 2010-2012

Current Non-Profit Volunteer Affiliation

GDMLI – Community Connect (2015)

ChildServe – BubbleBall Costume Designer (2013-present)

Big Brothers Big Sisters – “Big Duo” mentor (2014-present)

Association of Fundraising Professionals

United Way Women's Leadership Connection

100+ Women Who Care

Languages and Skills

Languages: Spanish (Intermediate), Chinese (Beginner)

Computer Skills: Web Design (Dreamweaver), Graphic Design and Editing (Adobe Creative Suite, Final Cut Pro), Software (Microsoft Office, Excel, Outlook, Donor Perfect, Convio, Quickbase, eTapestry)