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Professional Objective:

- To represent Beacon of Life in all aspects of the community including partner agencies, media, public groups, faith groups, and civic groups
- To effectively communicate the mission and policies of Beacon of Life to donors and the public
- Provide leadership and development to the programs and operations of the agency

Academic Background:

- Achieved Bachelor of Arts degrees in Psychology and Human Services from Buena Vista University in 2010
- Achieved Associate of Arts from Iowa Central Community College in 2007

Professional Background:

Executive Director, Beacon of Life, Des Moines, Iowa
responsible for operation and development of agency

August 2011-
Present

- Oversees all employees, volunteers, daily operations, and all fundraising/donor relations
- Serves as communication spokesperson between Beacon of Life and other agencies/media outlets
- Responsible for all hiring, supervision, and evaluation of staff
- Works with the Board of Directors to develop policies and programs to further the Beacon of Life mission

Program Development Director,
Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Center, Fort Dodge, Iowa
Developed and organized the activities and policies for the agency

August 2008-
August 2011

- Performed some grant writing; maintained calendar for grant submission deadlines.
- Serve as a communication link between D/SAOC and other community agencies
- Assisted the Executive Director with personnel functions, including hiring, supervision and evaluation of staff
- Was charged with all fundraising, donor relations, and marketing for organization

Activity Background:

- Currently a participant of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute (GDMLI) class of 2017
- Served as the 2016 President of the Board of Directors for the Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce.
- Served on the Greater Des Moines Partnership Board of Directors in 2016 as a selected affiliate chamber president
- Member of Lead Like a Lady and chair of the Events Committee
- Member of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines
- Member of Referral Leaders International
- Completed the Greater Des Moines Partnership's Community Connect Program in 2015