**KESHIA E. MEISSNER**

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**EXPERIENCE**

**Executive Director, Beacon of Life, Des Moines, Iowa, August 2011-Present**

* + Oversees all employees, volunteers, and daily operations at Beacon of Life and Beacon Boutique
	+ Responsible for fundraising/donor relations estimated at $300,000 a year through fundraising events, grants and donations
	+ 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, 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

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

**Bachelor of Arts, May 2010**

* Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA
* Majors: Psychology and Human Services

**Associate of Arts, May 2007**

* Iowa Central Community College, Fort Dodge, IA
* Major: Associates

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

* Current President-Elect, 2019-2020, Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines
* Member, 2011 to present, Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines
* Graduate, 2017, Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute (GDMLI) Community Leadership Program
* Board President, 2016, Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce
* Board Member, 2012-2017, Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce
* Affiliate Chamber Representative, 2016, Greater Des Moines Partnership Board of Directors
* Chair of Events Committee 2017 to present, Lead Like a Lady
* Member, 2012 to Present, Lead Like a Lady
* Graduate, 2015, Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute (GDMLI) Community Connect Program