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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 the Beacon of Life to donors and public
- Provide leadership and development to the programs and operations of the agency

Academic Background:

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

Professional Background:

Since August 2011, Executive Director, Beacon of Life Women's Transitional facility, Des Moines, Iowa, responsible for operation and development of agency.

- Oversees all employees, volunteers, daily operations, and all fundraising/donor relations
- Serve 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

From August 2008- August 2011, worked as the Program Development Director, Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Center, Fort Dodge, Iowa, responsible for developing and organizing activities and policies for the agency.

- Perform some grant writing; maintain calendar for grant submission deadlines.
- Serve as a communication link between D/SAOC and other community agencies
- Assist the Executive Director with Personnel Functions, including hiring, supervision and evaluation of staff

From January 2008-August 2008, worked as Support Staff, Life Works Community Services, Fort Dodge, Iowa, and was responsible for the following:

- Assisting clients with disabilities in reaching their goals and maintaining their aspirations.
- Worked one on one with clients in every aspect of their lives including but not limited to job searching, cooking, cleaning, transportation, money management, administering medication, leading exercise routines, and setting new goals for the clients.

Activity Background:

- Currently serve on the Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as the Vice President.
- Current participant in the Greater Des Moines Partnership's Community Connect Program for 2015
- Member of Lead Like a Lady
- Member of the Greater Des Moines Rotary International group
- Graduate of the Fort Dodge Leadership Program 2010, Following graduation served on the steering committee under the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce
- Served on the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce Holiday Tree Lighting Committee
- Served on the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce Fall Fest Committee
- Served on the Board of Directors and all event committees for the Brushy Creek Chapter of the American Red Cross for two years. (2009-2011)
- Served as the D/SAOC Representative on the Alliance for philanthropy Board of Directors
- Served on the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Board

Professional References:

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