

Paul Tonnessen



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Highly professional community advocate seeking opportunity to utilize my commitment and passion to make a significant contribution to my Maui home.

Summary / Qualifications

- 12 years direct experience working within social service organizations
- Additional 30 years volunteering with nonprofit social change organizations
- Experienced facilitator, community organizer, event coordinator
- Excellent verbal, written, electronic communication skills
- Expert problem solver, analytical thinker and attention to detail
- Over 35 years combined managerial experience in high end retail jewelry
- Outstanding interpersonal skills

Professional Experience

Executive Director, Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui 2012- Present

General Manager, Regional Manager 2005-2012 Kay Jewelers, Tower of Jewels, **MJ** Christensen Diamond Center Maui, Hawaii and Las Vegas, Nevada Provide all levels of operation for jewelry stores, including management, supervision and support to employees.

Regional Manager, Boomerangs Thrift Store Jan2004-Jan2005 Boston, Massachusetts Oversaw all operations for income-generating thrift stores benefiting the AIDS Action Committee.

Men's Group Facilitator, Family Peace Center, Maui Sept2001-Aug 2003 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii Provided re-educational groups for men who use domestic violence in their intimate relationships.

Event Coordinator, Maui AIDS Foundation July2002-Aug2003 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii Coordinated regular fundraising events working with major donors, vendors, and the community.

Jewelry Sales/Management, Tiffany & Co. and Coronet Jewelry ,Ltd. 1977-2002 Wailea, Maui, Hawaii and Boston, Massachusetts All aspects of retail jewelry sales including staff management and support, bookkeeping, merchandise procurement, extensive training and certifications on diamonds, gems, gold, etc.

Community Work

- Friends of the Children's Justice Center, Maui, Hawaii(2007-2012)
- Women Helping Women, Maui, Hawaii(2001-present)
- AIDS Action Committee, Boston Mass.(1998-present)
- Angels for Angels and St .Theresa HIV/AIDS Center, Las Vegas, Nevada (2005-2007)