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From the Source
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Experience

- From the Source 2003 – Present
President & CEO
Organized From the Source, a consulting company focused on strategic philanthropy, including research projects on philanthropy (particularly community foundations and the infrastructure of philanthropy); development of projects and publications on artisanal food and sustainable agriculture; and public policy endeavors. Recent clients have included PhysTrust, the Laura Jane Musser Fund, Donors Forum of South Florida and University of California, Davis.
- Donors Forum of South Florida 1995 – 2003
President & CEO
Responsible for the operations, program, management, growth and development of a multi-county philanthropic membership association that offers grantmakers a variety of services to increase the effectiveness of their grants. Tripled membership to over 125; increased the budget eight times over; developed and implemented Promotion of Philanthropy, an initiative of New Ventures; launched a comprehensive, interactive web site; expanded programs, services, staffing and systems; implemented the collaborative project, South Florida Philanthropy and the Black Church; become a regular media source and contact; developed and produced a series of cutting-edge, data driven publications on philanthropy; conducted extensive public policy projects around devolution; and engaged and assisted new foundations, funds and those who advise them.
- Dade Community Foundation, Miami, Florida 1987 - 1995
Vice President Programs and Projects
Held the senior staff position reporting directly to the President. Was responsible for developing the grantmaking program of the Foundation, a process that began with the Ford Foundation leadership initiative for community foundations. Also developed the Foundation's technical assistance programs; served as a technical consultant to nonprofit agencies; had management responsibility for the special programs of the Foundation; and was involved with developing fundraising plans, management and fiscal systems and public relations efforts. Major initiatives included a strategic planning and organizational development program for nonprofit organizations; the South Florida Community AIDS Partnership; and a small grants and technical assistance program for low-income neighborhoods through Mott initiative for community foundations.
- Miami Jewish Home & Hospital for the Aged, Miami, Florida 1982 - 1986
Director of Planning
Responsible for annual as well as strategic planning for both institutional and community-based programs and services; certificate of need applications; and routine market studies and program proposals. Special initiatives included developing Alzheimer's day respite programs; a nurse aide training school; and a home health agency.
- Bander Consulting, Miami, Florida 1971 - 1990
Consultant
Clients included the A.I.D. Mission in Paraguay (1971-1972), the Dade County School System (1974-1976), the Y.W.C.A. (1977-1981), Florida International University (1981), and assorted private companies. Assignments included program planning and evaluations, data collection and analysis related to youth and jobs programs.
- United States Government, Washington, D.C. 1966 - 1969
Federal Management Intern with the Agency for International Development and program staff with the Center for Community Planning of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Model Cities).

Education

Florida International University, Miami, Florida, M.B.A., 1980

Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, B.A., 1966. Wellesley College Scholar

Major: Political Science

Minor: Economics

Professional Associations

Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers:

- Board of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, 2002 to 2003
- Communications Committee of the Forum, 2000 to present
- Multiple Conference Planning Committees and Session Presentations

Council on Foundations:

- Communications Committee, 1997 to 2001
- Planning Committee for the Council on Foundations' Annual Conference, 1995-1996
- Planning Committee for the Fall Conference for Community Foundations, 1994-1995 and 1991-1992

Community:

- GablesStage Board
- Alliance for Human Services Board, 2000 to 2003
- Leadership Florida Institute Board, 2001 to present
- Metro-Dade County Historic Preservation Board, 1995-2002
- Metro-Dade County HIV Health Services Planning Council, 1991-1994
- Wellesley College Class Officer (1990-2000) and Club President (1984-85)
- American Jewish Committee, Miami Chapter Officer (Decade of the 1990's)

Publications

- *Strengthening Nonprofits Regionally* (2002)
- *Foundations in Uncharted Waters*, 2002; *South Florida Gives: The State of Philanthropy in Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties*, 2001; *South Florida Gives* (1999); *The Corporate Giving of Hispanic-Owned Companies in Miami-Dade County* (1999)
- *Profiles of South Florida Donors*, 2001-2002, 1999-2000, 1997-1998, 1995-96; *News from The Donors Forum* (quarterly since 1995); *Survey of South Florida Capital and Endowment Campaigns* (1996, 1998, 2000, 2002)
- Multiple editorials and letters to the editors for major South Florida newspapers, 1995-2002
- Bander, J. (1994). Article on the Miracle Loan Fund of Dade Community Foundation, for the Foundation Center.
- Bander, J. (1994). Building Strategic Planning Capacity in Nonprofit Community Development Organizations, Monograph.
- Bander, J. (1990). Dade Community Foundation: "Responding to Reflect the Community" Far from Done, a publication of Women and Foundations/Corporate Philanthropy.
- Dade Community Foundation Occasional Paper Series:
- Dade Community Foundation's Fight Against AIDS, 1985-1994.
- Hurricane Andrew: Dade Community Foundation's Continuing Response.
- Five Years of the Ford Leadership Program for Community Foundation.
- Council of Governors Policy Advisors, Full Service Schools, 1993, Improving Public Policy Through Collaboration.

Teaching

- Barry University, School of Social Work, Institute For Non Profit Management, Faculty Member and Faculty Advisory Committee.
- Regular presenter and lecturer at local and national conferences.

