

SAMIR SINGH

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EMPLOYMENT AND RELATED EXPERIENCES

Senior Advisor to the President and CEO, Michigan Nonprofit Association, Lansing, MI, July 2007-December 2007.

- Responsible for helping the transition of the merger between the Michigan Nonprofit Association and the ConnectMichigan Alliance.
- Work to redevelop the association's insurance programs and corporate relationships.

President and CEO, Michigan Nonprofit Association, Lansing, MI, April 1997-July 2007.

- Responsible for the operation and program development of a 1000+ member statewide association with a mission to promote giving, volunteering and a strong effective nonprofit sector in Michigan.
- Oversee the day to day operations of an organization with 35 Board of Trustees, 22 staff and \$2.2 million annual operating budget.
- Advocate and lobby on behalf of Michigan's nonprofit sector. Have been influential with the Michigan legislature and Congress on issues such as: establishing incentives for charitable giving, rewriting the Charitable Solicitation Act, creating legislation that reduces volunteer liability and the promotion of public and private nonprofit partnerships.
- Working in cooperation with other Michigan organizations, planned and conducted numerous conferences and workshops including the Grantmakers/Grantseekers Conference and Volunteerism SuperConference.
- Successfully facilitated the creation of the ConnectMichigan Alliance, a statewide umbrella organization that promotes volunteerism, service and civic engagement. Supported the successful development of a \$20 million endowment for the ConnectMichigan Alliance.

Director, Volunteer Centers of Michigan/Michigan Nonprofit Association, East Lansing, MI, July 1994 – March 1997.

- Facilitated technical assistance, professional development, fund development and board management to Michigan volunteer centers, their boards' of directors and other nonprofit organizations.
- Selected, supervised and evaluated three professional staff.
- Managed a department with an operating budget of \$339,000.
- Managed the volunteer center trade association by recruiting, orienting and retaining a constant membership.
- Advocated public policy issues on the behalf of the nonprofit sector to state and local government institutions.
- Created and managed the statewide Volunteerism SuperConference that brought 15 statewide organizations and over 550 participants together around issues of collaboration and volunteerism.

- Received and managed a \$250,000 grant from the Michigan Community Service Commission to place AmeriCorps members in local volunteer centers.
- Coordinated the six-site collaborative “New Partnership VISTA Program.”
- Involved in the development of the George W. Romney Fund for Volunteerism in Michigan and Russell G. Mawby Fund for Youth Volunteerism.
- Secured a technology planning grant from Michigan State University to assess the Michigan Nonprofit Association’s utilization of technology.
- Established a youth department for the Michigan Nonprofit Association by securing the Points of Light Foundation’s Youth Engaged in Service Ambassador.

Youth Engaged In Service Ambassador-Michigan, The Points of Light Foundation/The Michigan Community Service Commission, Lansing, MI, September 1993 - July 1994.

- Assisted the Michigan Community Service Commission in developing the Unified State Plan, AmeriCorps/Learn & Serve granting process and youth service policy.
- Provided technical assistance to organizations interested in developing national service programs, service learning and youth service activities.
- Guided the development of the first Governor’s Community Service Awards program.
- Served on various statewide boards and committees including the Michigan Steering Committee on the National Service Trust Act of 1993 and the Michigan Campaign for Volunteerism.
- Advised the statewide youth council, Michigan Youth Progressive Action Council (MYPAC) and managed its \$25,000 youth voice grant from the Commission on National and Community Service.
- Worked closely with schools, colleges and universities, volunteer centers, foundations, government departments and community based organizations to strengthen service infrastructure.

EDUCATION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, East Lansing, MI.
Bachelor of Arts in History, 1994.
Emphasis: Economics and Religious Studies

MICHIGAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, 1997.
STEVEN COVEY LEADERSHIP, Olivet College, MI, 1996.
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE LEADERSHIP, Shelby, MI, 1993
DALE CARNEGIE INSTITUTE, Southfield, MI, 1988.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Mayor, City of East Lansing, 2005-2007.
- Mayor Pro-Tem and City Councilmember, East Lansing City Council, 1995- 2005.
- Member, Panel on the Nonprofit Sector, Independent Sector, 2004-2007.
- Chairman and Board Member, City Connect Detroit, 2003-2007.
- Member, Governor’s Council on Asian and Pacific American Affairs, 2005-2007.
- Board Member, National Council of Nonprofit Associations, Washington DC, 2002-2007.
- Board Member, OMB Watch, Washington DC, 2004-2007.
- Board Member, Capital Region Community Foundation, 2001-2006.
- Advisory Board Member, Michigan Political Leadership Program, 2001-2007.

- ❑ Board Member, Michigan Association of United Ways, 2000-2007.
- ❑ Board Member, Points of Light Foundation, Washington DC, 1995-2007.
- ❑ Board Member, Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA), 1996-2006.
- ❑ Advisory Board Member, WKAR- Public Radio and Television, 2001-2004.
- ❑ Member, Public Health Committee, Ingham Regional Medical Center, 1999-2003.
- ❑ Board Member, Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board, 2000-2003.
- ❑ Board Member, Capital Area Youth Alliance, 2001-2003.
- ❑ Board Member, East Lansing Film Festival, 1997-2000.
- ❑ Chairperson, Housing Resource Center, 1996-2001.
- ❑ Chairperson, Capital Area Community of Promise, 1998-2001.
- ❑ Commissioner, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, 1996-1998.
- ❑ Member, Planning Commission's Subcommittee for Parks and Recreation, 1995.
- ❑ Member, East Lansing Task Force on Refuse and Recycling, 1993.
- ❑ Commissioner, East Lansing Transportation Commission, 1992-1995.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- ❑ State News "Spartan of the Year"-1993.
 - ❑ WLNS-TV Channel 6 "Unsung Hero", 1993.
 - ❑ North Lansing Kiwanis Tri-County Service Award-1993.
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