

# Summer Starr

Experienced professional with a dedication to resilience through community-led efforts for addressing individual mental health challenges, local social stressors, and global issues affecting human lives

Bellingham, WA 98226

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **NAMI Washington, Seattle, WA Deputy Director**

May 2021 - Present

Manage affiliate capacity building across Washington state including the development of new affiliates and the support of existing affiliates. This includes supporting board recruitment, developing leadership training opportunities. Develop, launch and manage an intentional peer support program for Whatcom County. Provide support with grant writing. Support the ongoing Equity Diversity and Inclusion efforts of the organization including staff training and new program development for special populations.

### **Making Kin - Owner**

April 2022 - Present

Support individuals with their healing journey through Ancestral Lineage Healing as trained by Daniel Foor at Ancestral Medicine. Provide shamanic healing support as trained by Betsy Bergstrom and Sandra Ingerman. Provide Intentional Peer Support for mental health including the maastricht interview for people who hear voices or have paranoia.

### **Opportunity Council, Bellingham, WA Volunteer and Event Coordinator**

Oct 2016 - April 2021

Provide vision and guidance to the Volunteer Center of Whatcom County. Manage staff and operations including providing support to individuals and organizations including organizing professional development opportunities for volunteer coordinators and developing communities of practice around anti-racism efforts. Produce fundraising events grossing \$140,000. Write and manage grants including city and state government funding totaling \$170,000. Supervised a VISTA member providing volunteer programs development and outreach support.

### **White Lotus Bookkeeping, Bellingham, WA — Owner**

Jan 2014 - Sep 2016

Full charge accounting including payroll, excise tax, job/grant expense tracking and preparation of financials for organizations such as art centers, general contractors, nonprofits and online retailers.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Bookkeeping, Quickbooks and other cloud accounting software, Microsoft Office, Web Publishing (Canva, Publisher, Wordpress, HTML), social media including FB live, instagram, driving license

## AWARDS/ FELLOWSHIPS

Community Engagement Fellow, 2017-18

Schoepflin Fellow for leadership in sustainable development, 2008

Dean's Fellow for leadership and academic excellence, 2007

Fosdick and Shedd Fellow for leadership in international affairs, 2004

University of Washington Certificate of High Scholarship, 1999-2002

## LANGUAGES

Very basic French, Hindi, Indonesian, Spanish

## PLACES I HAVE LIVED

Washington, California, Vietnam, France, Kenya, Ghana, India

## **Reality Gives, Mumbai, India — Executive Director**

Dec 2011 – Jun 2013

Managed a community center in one of the largest slums in Asia. Strengthened and mentored a team of 17 diverse staff. Served as liaison for VIP guests including US congressmen, British royalty, and ambassadors from several countries.

## **Atma, Mumbai, India — Program Director**

Sep 2010 – Nov 2011

Advised educational and youth-oriented NGOs in organizational development. Designed and managed long-term technical volunteer projects. Developed collaborative partner networks. Designed and conducted workshops on capacity building topics.

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of California, San Diego, CA — *Masters of Pacific International Affairs: Nonprofit Management***

Sep 2006 – Dec 2008

Studied quantitative analysis and program evaluation with a focus on microfinance and non-profit management.

### **University of Washington, Seattle, WA — *Bachelor of Arts, International Studies: International Economic Development***

Sep 1999 – Jun 2004

Studied the political economy of developing countries.

## **STUDENT PROJECTS**

### **Microfinance Initiative for Development, Ghana Africa Aid**

Mar – Sep 2008

Developed a community microfinance program and managed implementing partner relationships, selecting and training partners.

### **Microfinance Education Research, India Institute for Financial Management & Research**

Jun – Aug 2007

Designed curriculum for a microenterprise training program with over 1000 small business owners trained. Studied impact of trainings qualitatively through focus groups.

### **Program Development Consultant, Kenya East African Center**

Feb 2003 – Dec 2004

Created microenterprise course using a cooperative business model.

## **HOBBIES**

Authentic Movement, dance, yoga, hiking, gardening, writing poetry, expressing creatively, Contemplative practice, herbalism, alternative healing

## **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

### **Co-facilitator Equity Learning Collective**

Sep 2020 – May 2022

Created an online community of non-profit professionals in Whatcom County to discuss racial equity issues in our work. We meet 5 times per quarter and discuss topics such as white supremacy characteristics, inclusive leadership characteristics and applying equity lenses

### **In Our Own Voice Speaker National Alliance on Mental Illness, Whatcom**

Jan 2019 – 2021

Conduct outreach presentations to de-stigmatize mental illness and share my own experience with bipolar disorder.

### **Board member Stillpoint at Becksides**

May 2015 – Dec 2022

Through a collaborative leadership model, co-developed the vision for the organization. Co-lead courses and retreats.