



Sue Bennett

Qualifications Summary

Sue brings over 35 years of leadership experience in nonprofit, public, philanthropic, and private sector organizations. Her expertise includes leadership development, strategic planning, board development, change management, advancing equity, fundraising, program management, training and facilitation, and staff management.

Professional History

Valtas Group	Consultant	2024 – Present
Leadership Tomorrow	Executive Director	2017 – 2024
Leadership Tomorrow	Senior Leadership Director	2013 – 2017
Philanthropy Northwest	Senior Learning Manager	2007 – 2013
Parent Peer Group	Founder and Facilitator	2006 – 2012
Child Care Resources (now BrightSpark)	Director of Major Gifts	2003 – 2006
Bennett Consulting	Founder	1992 – 2003

Accomplishments

- Led nonprofit organization focused on building civic leaders, responsible for all day-to-day operations, finance, budget, board and staff development, fundraising and strategic decisions and implementation.
- Developed robust racial equity values and belief statements for organization, including detailed operational and implementation policies and actions.
- Grew budget by 60%. Grew staff by 25%. More than doubled alumni programming, participation, and donations.
- Led a smooth transition from a long-time 27-year Executive Director.
- Secured the largest grant in organization's history, \$100,000 per year for three years, renewed again after three years.
- Developed strategy and programming to build the knowledge, leadership, and civic engagement of current and future cross-sector leaders, reaching over 300 Flagship Program participants and over 2,000 alumni.
- Designed and delivered interactive and engaging learning programs to over 800 grant makers in six Pacific Northwest states.
- Founded and facilitated parent peer group fostering community and belonging and increasing effectiveness for thousands of parents in eight schools.
- Created and managed Major Donor program, tripling the number of major donors and dollars contributed.
- Founded consulting business that strengthened organization capacity and facilitated strategic change management for dozens of nonprofit and public agencies. Specialized in strategic planning and board development.

Licenses / Education

- Bachelors of Arts, Human Biology, Stanford University

- Study Abroad, Stanford-in-France, Tours, France
- Leadership Tomorrow Graduate, Seattle, WA

Board / Volunteer Experience

- Founding Member, Welcome Committee, U.S. Chamber of Connection, 2024 – Present
- Board Member, Washington Women's Foundation, 2016 – Present
- Founding Member, National Community Leadership Collaborative (NCLC), 2023 – Present
- Board Member, Seattle Chamber of Commerce, 2018 – 2022
- Board of Advocates (2013 – 2018) and Board Member, Planned Parenthood (1994 – 1995)
- Board Member, Reed Coleman Family Foundation, 1996 – 2013
- Youth Mentor, Year Up, 2013 – 2018
- District Advisory Council, Site Council, Mercer Island School District, 2001 – 2014
- Board Member, Cancer Lifeline, 2001 – 2004
- Board Member, Board Chair, Child Care Resources (Now BrightSpark)– 1992 – 1999