

DEBBY RICE

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SUMMARY

- Enthusiastic promoter of products, programs, and opportunities
- Builder of strong relationships, partnerships, and networks
- Big picture thinker
- Persuasive communicator
- Creative, energetic, inquisitive

EXPERIENCE

When Words Matter, Freelance Writer

May 2017-Present

Portfolio: <http://debbyrice.writerfolio.com/>

Clients have included:

AB Marketers

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Foundation

American Academy of Home Care Medicine

American Academy of Periodontology Foundation

American Planning Association

BKA Content

Chicago Public Art Group

FlaxAssociates

The Harbour

Open Studio Project

.orgCommunity

.orgSource

Study.com

Assistant Executive Director for Development

Manager for Development

Foundation for Endodontics, Chicago

June 2000-March 2017

January 1996-February 1999

Responsibilities:

- Managed over \$1 million in annual fundraising and grantmaking initiatives.
- Facilitated the activities of the Board of Trustees.
- Oversaw a \$31 million investment fund.
- Prepared annual budget.
- Organized strategic planning initiatives.

- Developed financial, fundraising, and grantmaking policies and procedures.
- Managed communications.
- Supervised staff.

Executive Director

The Parkways Foundation, Chicago

February 1999-June 2000

Responsibilities:

- Served as administrator of a new foundation supporting capital improvements in the Chicago Park District.
- Coordinated the activities of the board and an auxiliary of 100 prominent Chicago women.
- Managed a \$1.5 million campaign to build a Children's Garden at Garfield Park Conservatory.
- Developed communications including newsletters, grant proposals, and brochures.
- Served as liaison to the Chicago Park District's Board of Commissioners.
- Supervised staff.

Director of Development and Public Relations

Volunteers of America of Illinois, Chicago

October 1991-January 1996

Responsibilities:

- Directed fundraising and public relations for this child welfare agency.
- Coordinated foundation/corporate solicitation, major gifts, annual campaign, and direct mail program.
- Produced internal and external communications including grant proposals, employee newsletters, agency newsletters, and annual reports.
- Served as development representative to the board.
- Prepared and monitored the development budget.
- Supervised staff.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, English, University of Illinois at Chicago

RECOGNITION

2021 Hermes Gold Creative Award, .orgSource blog

2020 Association Universe MVP Award, 1st Place, Association Management Category

MarCom Gold Award, *Focus* Newsletter, 2017

MarCom Gold Award, *Focus* Newsletter, 2016

INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Reading and writing fiction, cooking and learning about food and wine, entertaining friends and family, yoga, and other types of exercise.

Grants Secured by Debby Rice for the Chicago Public Art Group

7/31/21 Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events (DCASE)	\$ 7,000
8/31/21 Alphawood Foundation	\$25,000
9/27/21 Illinois Humanities	\$ 7,500
10/31/21 Illinois Arts Council	\$12,850
12/21/21 Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation	\$50,000
1/19/22 National Endowment for the Arts	\$50,000
2/2/22 Fay Slover Fund	\$25,000
3/15/22 Illinois Arts Council	\$13,800
7/29/22 DCASE	\$25,000
8/23/22 Tawani Foundation	\$ 5,000
8/26/22 DCASE Neighborhood Access	\$45,000
8/31/22 Alphawood Foundation	\$25,000
1/15/23 Fay Slover Fund	\$25,000
2/21/23 Richard Driehaus Foundation	\$100,000 (over 2 years)
3/1/23 Alphawood Foundation	\$25,000
3/1/23 DCASE	\$25,000
3/29/23 Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation	\$26,000
6/13/23 Alphawood Foundation	\$25,000
7/11/23 Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation	\$26,000
7/12/23 Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation	\$30,000
7/25/23 Illinois Arts Council	\$15,400
2/20/24 Terra Foundation	\$50,000
5/1/24 National Academy of Design, Abbey Mural Prize	\$40,000
5/30/24 Alphawood Foundation	\$25,000
9/27/24 Mellon Foundation	\$450,000 (over 2 years)