

New Member Profile

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My adventures in fundraising started about 15 years ago in a 2-person development office in DC. That office grew over time and my career took me to other organizations, but I was lucky to get involved in a broad range of fundraising and related marketing activities early on— annual giving, corporate giving, grant writing, database management, website management, donor communications, public relations, event planning and leadership committee management. Today I have my own consultancy where I utilize my fundraising, marketing and communications skills on behalf of my clients, including the National Museum of Forest Service History in Missoula, MT, Eleva Chamber Players in Waterbury, VT and Park Avenue Chamber Symphony in New York, NY.

When life brought me to Vermont, I found some new and interesting challenges. I no longer work in an office or live in a city, so bumping into colleagues in the hall or on the street is a thing of the past. I attended a Vermont Community Foundation open house and met many fellow fundraisers, including Kate Villa, who was organizing last year's AFP-NNE conference in Burlington. I had gone to AFP seminars early in my career to further my professional development. After attending the AFP-NNE conference, I realized that joining AFP would be a great way to keep myself current and to build a professional network in my new home state. I've already made some great connections thanks to my involvement with AFP, so it was definitely the right decision.