**Community Service Resume**

**As of November 2021**

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***SUMMARY: Five decades of Board, task force, nonprofit, and community service.***

**DEGREES**

**Ph.D.** Pastoral Ministry--w/emphasis on Interfaith Pastoral Counseling Summa Cum Laude

 Newburgh Theological Seminary. Dissertation: *“Pastoral Counseling and Chaplaincy in Interfaith Settings.”*

**M.A.** Psychology—w/ Emphasis on Marriage and Family Therapy

 California Graduate Institute. *Qualifying degree for licensure as a Marriage & Family Therapist*

**M.S.** Counseling Psychology--w/ Specialization in Loss Issues & Bereavement

 Greenwich University. Thesis: *"Clinical Perspectives and Reflections on the Interface among Psychotherapy,*

 *Spirituality and Chaplaincy in Working with Dying Patients and Their Families."*

**B.S.** Professional Studies—w/ Emphasis on Adult Learning

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and CERTIFICATIONS** *Request CV for complete list.*

**MFT** Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist License #MFC47627, 9/09, State of California

**CT** Certified in Thanatology: Death, Dying and Bereavement [Asso. for Death Education and Counseling](http://www.adec.org/)

 Nationally Certified Parent Educator: Hard-to-parent Children The Parenting Project

 Certified Medical Hypnotherapist American Psychological Association-approved course

 Clinical Pastoral Education St. Joseph Hospital, Orange, Ca.

 Nationally Certified Advanced Bereavement Group Facilitator American Academy of Bereavement

**PUBLICATIONS**

Finding the Gems: The search for meaning in trauma and loss2017, Balboa Press, a division of Hay House

**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY** 1975-2017*Request CV for complete list.*

2009-Current Private practice: Psychotherapist. Specializing in grief/loss issues and trauma/dissociation.

2011-Current Expert Witness: Grief & Loss. Services retained by attorneys.

2011-Current Subject Matter Expert: Trauma. Services retained by corps, Districts Attorney, counseling centers, etc.

1990-2001 NPO Consultant/Fundraiser Strategic planning, Board development, corporate giving & foundation

 giving (e.g., grants) for the American Red Cross, and numerous small- to mid-size nonprofits in So. Ca.

1975-2009 Hospice therapist and interfaith chaplain.

**FOUNDING MEMBER, BOARD SERVICE, TASK FORCES, & APPOINTMENTS** *Request CV for complete list.*

2019 **Founder and Board Member** The Hecht Trauma Institute, a Ca 501c3 specializing in trauma-informed

 training.

2017 **Board Member** Cal-Pak Education Services, a Ca 501(c)3. Creating opportunities for

 education for girls and women.

2009--Current **Founder and Exec Dir.** The House of Ruach, a Ca 501(c)3. Feeding homeless, opportunities for

 education, interfaith collaborations, etc.

1975—2000

**Board Member** L.B. Junior League. Committees: Membership development and growth

**Board Member** Gr. Long Beach Girl Scout Council. Committees: Pluralism; Development

Founder & Director CHOICES, a gang-avoidance program for at-risk middle-school girls

Founder & **Board Pres.**  L.B. Chapter of Women in Management

**Board Member** & State Coor. California Alliance of Rape Hotlines

Founder, **Board Pres**, Exec Dir. Long Beach Rape Crisis Center, Inc.

**Board Member** L.B. Chapter of National Organization of Women

Committee Member ISST-D 2012 Int’l Conference Planning Committee

Peer-Review Editorial Board National Guild of Hypnotists, *Journal of Hypnosis*

L.A. County Probation Dept. Multi-Agency At-Risk Youth Commission

DiversityTask Force L.B. City Council

Contemporary Issues Task Force L.B. City Council

Health and Social Services Commission L.B. Area Chamber of Commerce

Sexual Assault Task Force L.B. City Council

**HONORS and AWARDS**

1995 Golden Rule Award...for service to Operation Jumpstart Sponsors: Orange County Volunteer Center & J.C. Penney

1992 Chai, Volunteer Service Award...Board Member Jewish Community Center, Long Beach

1980 Woman of the Year, Nominee. L.B. Area Chamber of Commerce

1981 Outstanding Administrator...Executive Director of the Year. California Alliance of Rape Hotlines

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1981 Exemplary Service Award...State Coordinator. California Alliance of Rape Hotlines

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