

Curriculum Vitae

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Objective: To connect with people during challenging times offering my empathy, compassion and a prospective of hope. I live life sharing my awareness by offering clarity to others' lives so they can discover and create their own connection to a Divine Source.

Work Experience:

Aspire Place LLC – Speaker/Presenter

June 2016 - Present

Description of Duties – Collaborated with other presenters to create workshops and programs for grieving families, veterans and various college classes. Presented programs on various topics to fulfill contract requests.

Angel of Hope Coordinator / Family Support Services – March 2016 - June 2018

Description of Duties: Contracted to create two ceremonies at the Angel of Hope Statue- the Angel of Hope December Vigil and the Mother's Day "Remembering our Children" Ceremony. Included in my responsibilities were applying for the permit and contacting choirs. Support parents that have lost a child, educate the individual and/or family members about resources available. Provide ongoing contact and crisis intervention as necessary, Complete record keeping and reporting requirements, attend clinics and department meetings, and represent Angela's House at events. I assisted administration with scanning and filing records of the care at home children in the Angela's House program.

Interfaith Minister - 1998-present

Description of Duties: Since my ordination I have walked my journey staying aware of my connection to the Universal Creator. I do my best to walk with compassion and integrity choosing organizations and activities that make me proud of who I am. I have written individualized ceremonies for weddings, child blessings, memorials and funerals. My intention is to create a sacred space that fits the beliefs of the participants. I have volunteered my services for not-for-profit organizations creating ceremonies for their specific needs, as well as, facilitating workshops or staff gatherings inspiring hope, faith, and compassion.

Private Spiritual Counseling- I provided support, hope and inspiration to individuals and families when they feel challenged with their life. I try to empower people as they deal with a variety of issues which have included divorce, depression, veterans and adjustment challenges, addictions and loss due to death. I have organized workshops/events which offer tools that allow people to connect with teachers who share healing techniques from different paths.

Volunteer Experience

New York SportsScene Children's Foundation- October 2018

Tranquility Garden at St. Mary's Hospital for Children.

Met with members of the board of the Foundation and the Hospital to help create a space for parents to reflect and recharge. Assisted/ organized and chaperoned the JROTC from Queens High Schools to clean up, plant, and build garden structures.

New York City Human Service Council Disaster Readiness and Resilience Workgroup – October 2016 – Present

HSC recognized the indispensable role that the human services sector plays in reacting to disasters. The workgroup's priority was helping ensure that human services organizations are equipped to support affected communities while maintaining stable finances and operations. In 2018 a Human Services Disaster Communications System was put in place whereby they will communicate with human services professionals prior to and following a disaster. We also created a framework, and a workshop for non profits to help them manage their organizations during emergencies.

Suffolk Independent Living Organization (SILO) - January 2015 to March 2015

Volunteered for three months to establish a Disaster Management Initiative for the organization. Acted as a Liaison with Suffolk Emergency Management office/Joel Vetter. I wrote copy and prepared information for the SILO website empowering their consumers to "Be Prepared, Be disaster Aware." Suffolk county residents are able to register for services including: Code Red; Smart 911; and Emergency Preparedness registry. I collected all types of emergency management information and videos specifically for disabled population. You may access the results of my efforts at www.silo.org/programs/emergency.php After website was up and running I wrote a series of letters to consumers introducing the Emergency Management Initiative, as well as signed up several consumers.

American Red Cross- 2010-2012

Worked as American Red Cross Liaison in Suffolk Emergency Operations Center during Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy doing 8,12 and 25-hour shifts. Volunteered with the organization at different events including community presentations, assisted at Fireman's funeral services, Long Island Cares Turkey deliveries to Food Pantries, and attended International Red Cross Symposium discussing guidelines of the Geneva Convention. I deployed to I responded to a request for shelter staff when a Fire engulfed an apartment building and calmed distressed clients. While volunteering on Disaster Assessment Team shift, I assisted a family who lost home in a fire. Occasionally helped in office.

Volunteer at the ARC Greater Prince William County/Insight

- Grand Opening of New Insight Building June 2013
- Spring Formal Dance May 2012
- Volunteered with the organization on two occasions interacting with individuals and assisting with different duties.

Girl Scouts of Suffolk County Jan 2006-January 2007 Using Released Service Dog, Yarnell II, I presented programs about Assistance dogs and how they assist people with disabilities for Troops in the Suffolk region. During the summer, Yarnell and I attended a program about people with Disabilities during a summer Girl Scout Camp Program, helping the girls to understand about life with a disability.

Bideawee January 2006-February 2007 Certified Released Service, Yarnell II with Bideawee Therapy dog program under Joan Stoppa. Assisted Pet Memorial Park's staff for various requests including; composed a burial ceremony for use by clients bid farewell to their pets. Personalized Officiated it for clients if they requested a minister. I spoke at their Pet Memorial Days Ceremonies at their Wantagh and Westhampton locations. Wrote and Officiated at various Ceremonies including a Dog Park dedication and an employee's memorial ceremony at their Westhampton location. Counseled staff who deal with frustrations due to nature of sheltering and burial of animals.

Canine Companions for Independence April 2002 – April 2012 Description of Duties: Worked collaboratively with my daughter to raise puppies from 8 weeks of age to 17 months- Judah II and Yarnell. Took him out in public to help him apply commands and training techniques learned in to real life situations. Volunteered doing presentations with puppies to various organizations bringing awareness of people with disabilities and service animals.

Secretary / Treasurer for the Southern New York Diving Association (SNYDA)

Sept. 1996 - Aug. 2002 Description of Duties: In addition to managing all financial duties associated with this position, I was responsible for coordinating registration of all divers and coaches in region with U.S. Diving National office in Indiana. I assisted divers needing to find a qualified coach.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) September 1992 – June 2001

I volunteered as chairperson for Cultural Arts organizing Programs for 500+ students at Parliament Place. I assisted with Reading Programs, Earth day celebrations, Field Day events, Mother's and Father's Day sales and end of year carnivals, to name a few. I could be found at any event that allowed the opportunity to inspire the children.

Other Experience

Schmitt's Family Farms - April-July 2015 Full time April-May 2014 Full time

Description of Duties: Plant and Garden Consultant, assisted customers with Perennial and annual plant choices kept all stock in a neat and orderly appearance. Also helped as a cashier.

Animal Inn - 1982-1984 Full time 1988-1990-part time

Manager of Boarding Kennel - Description of Duties: Intake of animals, managing space availability, documenting and labeling special diets and medications, behavior management of difficult animals. In 1988 I stepped back in part time to help during busy times.

First Eastern Bank 1984-1985

Employed as a bank Teller at the Arlington Branch.

Food Industry -1976-1987 Held a variety of different positions from the age of 16-26 in bakeries, deli's, and private airplane catering establishments.

Education and Credentials

American Red Cross CPR Recertification 1/28/18

Long Island Search and Rescue

Introduction to Wilderness Search and Rescue 11/24/2013

Federal Emergency Response Training Certificates (FEMA)

2/1/11 FEMA- IS-00700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS)

1/14/11 FEMA-IS-00200.b (ICS) for Single Resources and Initial Action Incident, ICS-200

11/6/10 FEMA-IS-00100.b Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS) ICS-100

American Red Cross Training Certificates:

9/2012 Updated EOC Training NYC

8/11/12 Logistics Overview/Simulation

7/30/11 Emergency Response Vehicle Training

2/26/11 Disaster Assessment

1/29/11 Client Casework

9/11/10 Mass Casualty

8/2012 Disaster Assessment Team Certification

8/6/11 CPR Certification

7/19/11 Serving People with Disabilities

2/5/11 Shelter Operations

10/23/10 EOC Workshop

9/8/10 Fulfilling Our Mission

The Healing Angels of the Energy Field Certificate -12/14/08

Organized and attended workshop in my home

Advanced Reiki Certification - 8/31/99

Advanced Reiki Initiation and Training as Advanced Practitioner of Reiki

Clergy Registration - 11/9/98
New York City Clerk's Office

The Degree of Minister of Spiritual Counseling - 6/14/98
Completed two-year course of study at The New Seminary in New York City. Ordained an Interfaith Minister at St. John the Divine Cathedral

Hospice Care of Long Island - 3/2/95
Completed six-week volunteer training course with Hospice Care of Long Island

Invited Talks

November 4, 2018 – Minister/Speaker for St. Mary's Hospital for Children, Tranquility Garden dedication.

October 17, 2018 - Presented: "Creative Ways to Enhance Self- Awareness", for David Roberts' LMSW, Mind Thought and Brain Class at Pratt School of Art, Utica, New York.

October 15-16, 2018- Presented:" Facing Death-Interfaith Prospective" for David Roberts' LMSW, Death, Dying Bereavement class, Utica College, Utica, New York.

October 14, 2018 – Opening Speaker at The Compassionate Friends of Mohawk Valley's Walk to Remember.

April 20, 2018 - Presented: "Creative Ways to Enhance Self- Awareness", for David Roberts' LMSW, Mind Thought and Brain Class at Pratt School of Art, Utica, New York.

April 18-19, 2018 – Presented:" Facing Death-Interfaith Prospective" for David Roberts' LMSW, Death, Dying Bereavement class, Utica College, Utica, New York.

June 8, 2017- Presented workshop "What Do You Believe" at the Good News Center's Navigating Through Grief: Hurt, Hope and Healing conference, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Utica, New York.

April 10, 2017 - Presented:" Facing Death-Interfaith Prospective" for David Roberts' LMSW, Death, Dying Bereavement class, Utica College, Utica, New York.

April 12, 2017 - Presented: "Creative Ways to Enhance Self- Awareness", for David Roberts LMSW, Mind Thought and Brain Class at Pratt School of Art, Utica, New York.

May 18, 2016 -Presented workshop on American Indian Culture titled "Discovering Peace with Nature and Animals", Cordello Elementary School, Mastic, New York.

January 28, 2016 - Presented an Animal Medicine Workshop for after school program at William Floyd High School, Mastic, N.Y. sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club.

October 20, 2015 – Presented:" Facing Death-Interfaith Prospective" for David Roberts' LMSW, Death, Dying Bereavement class, Utica College, Utica, New York.

October 19, 2015 – Presented: "Creative Ways to Enhance Self- Awareness", for David Roberts' LMSW, Mind Thought and Brain Class at Pratt School of Art, Utica, New York.

September 2, 2015 – Interviewed for the Exploring Your Emotions television show with Dr. Judith Rothberg, PHD, Topic: “Spiritual Thinking”.

April 29, 2015- Presented:” A History of Kings Park: Effects of Institutionalization on Family” for David Roberts, LMSW, Abnormal Psychology class, Utica College, Utica, New York.

April 28 ,2015- Presented:” A History of Kings Park: Effects of Institutionalization on Family” for Denise Nepvaux’s PH.D., Occupational Therapy class, Utica College, Utica, New York.

Awards and Honors

Outstanding Woman Award presented by the New York SportsScene Children’s Foundation at the 2018 Celebrity Golf Classic August 27, 2018.

Client Teamwork Focus Medal– American Red Cross; Received for work done in Suffolk Emergency Operations Center in Yaphank during Hurricane Sandy (Dec 2012)

Certificate of Appreciation – Received in recognition of commitment and service to DR 145 Hurricane Sandy, New York (Oct. 2012)

Certificate of Appreciation – Grieving in Plain Sight- Minister and counseling for Empowering, Grieving and Healing Retreat in Spokane, Washington (Aug. 17-19, 2012)

Certificate of Appreciation – Received in recognition of commitment and service to DR 772 Hurricane Irene, New York (Aug. 2011)

Certificate of Appreciation – Received in recognition of commitment and service to DR 505 North Mississippi Flood and Tornados (May 10-14, 2011 deployment)

Angel of Hope/ Angela’s House – Honored at dinner with gift, “In appreciation for helping to bring the Angel of Hope to Long Island” 2010-2008

Canine Companions for Independence – Volunteer Award 2002