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GRETCHEN UPHOLT, MPA

Managing Director

EXPERIENCE

As a Managing Director in BDO's Nonprofit and Foundation consulting practice, Gretchen serves as a lead for several key product areas including training and finance technology consulting, and as a representative of BDO in the Midwest region. In addition to her firm leadership, she splits her time between playing an active role as trainer, coach, and curriculum developer for cohort and other training initiatives and as consultant to nonprofit clients across the country, helping nonprofit leaders improve their financial management skills and processes. An experienced staff and program manager, Gretchen is skilled in training, capacity building, research, and program and volunteer management.

Previously, Gretchen served as the head of the Volunteer Department at the Thabyay Education Network in Thailand. In that role, Gretchen developed a strategic plan to improve monitoring and evaluation and program management in her department. She also served on the leadership team for the organization, where she reviewed and approved budgets for the organization's 22 programs and worked on a plan to restructure the organization's finance and operations staffing and systems.

Gretchen's widely diverse nonprofit experience includes working on the corporate citizenship team at the TCC Group, designing and implementing a pilot research study on nonprofit talent costs for the Talent Philanthropy Project, as a project manager with the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, and as Chorus Manager for The Choral Arts Society of Washington. She also served as a Community Development Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine, where she designed project frameworks, wrote grants, and led a committee tasked with making funding decisions for USAID-funded grants.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Wagner School of Public Service, NYU, Adjunct Professor and Teaching Colleague

EDUCATION

M.P.A., Public and Nonprofit Management, Wagner School of Public Service, NYU

M.A., Arts & Cultural Management, American University

B.A., Arts & Cultural Management, American University

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

National Endowment for the Arts' ArtsWork grants program, Panelist

National Peace Corps Association, Board Member

Porchlight Music Theatre, Chicago, Vice Chair