

# Paul Tonnessen



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*Highly professional community advocate seeking opportunity to utilize my commitment and passion to make a significant contribution to my Maui home.*

## *Summary /Qualifications*

- 12 years direct experience working within social service organizations
- Additional 30 years volunteering with nonprofit social change organizations
- Experienced facilitator, community organizer, event coordinator
- Excellent verbal, written, electronic communication skills
- Expert problem solver, analytical thinker and attention to detail
- Over 35 years combined managerial experience in high end retail jewelry
- Outstanding interpersonal skills

## *Professional Experience*

Executive Director, Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui 2012- Present

General Manager, Regional Manager 2005-2012 Kay Jewelers, Tower of Jewels, **MJ** Christensen Diamond Center Maui, Hawaii and Las Vegas, Nevada Provide all levels of operation for jewelry stores, including management, supervision and support to employees.

Regional Manager, Boomerangs Thrift Store Jan2004-Jan2005 Boston, Massachusetts Oversaw all operations for income-generating thrift stores benefiting the AIDS Action Committee.

Men's Group Facilitator, Family Peace Center, Maui Sept2001-Aug 2003 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii Provided re-educational groups for men who use domestic violence in their intimate relationships.

Event Coordinator, Maui AIDS Foundation July2002-Aug2003 Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii Coordinated regular fundraising events working with major donors, vendors, and the community.

Jewelry Sales/Management, Tiffany & Co. and Coronet Jewelry ,Ltd. 1977-2002 Wailea, Maui, Hawaii and Boston, Massachusetts All aspects of retail jewelry sales including staff management and support, bookkeeping, merchandise procurement, extensive training and certifications on diamonds, gems, gold, etc.

## *Community Work*

- Friends of the Children's Justice Center, Maui, Hawaii(2007-2012)
- Women Helping Women, Maui, Hawaii(2001-present)
- AIDS Action Committee, Boston Mass.(1998-present)
- Angels for Angels and St .Theresa HIV/AIDS Center, Las Vegas, Nevada (2005-2007)