

Kristina L. Mayer's Career Accomplishments

A sampling of Kristina L. Mayer's accomplishments over the past decade illustrates the breadth and depth of her involvement in philanthropy.

Appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire to the Washington State Board of Education. One of 16-member board that leads the development of state policy, provides system oversight, and advocates for student success. As chair of System Performance & Accountability Study Committee, worked with a group of advisors and policy makers to review current federal and state accountability systems and determine ways to build K-12 capacity and define state, regional and local roles needed to improve achievement for all students.

Created a community foundation that achieved nonprofit status, a working board, grant funding, and a plan for developing long-term fundraising and investment strategies. Took the Jefferson County Community Foundation from an idea to a functioning organization in two years. It is a philanthropic organization with the long-term goal of building permanent funds for the charitable benefit of the residents of Jefferson County. Served as ongoing philanthropic consultant.

Spearheaded a multi-foundation, state-wide initiative that increased the percentage of National Board Certified Teachers in the corps of 57,000 teachers from close to zero to more than 2%.

Washington was struggling to improve quality of teaching and lacked infrastructure to support advanced certification for practicing teachers. As a Stuart Foundation program officer, influenced state policy to adhere to national standards. Developed state university infrastructure with on-campus and remote classes to support K-12 teachers seeking National Board Certification.

Created a nonprofit organization to provide research and policy recommendations, improving quality of education in Washington.

As a Stuart Foundation program officer, recommended that the Foundation make a multi-million dollar investment to create and operate The Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession, which supports student achievement through its focus on improving the quality of teaching. Served as advisor to the executive director and nonprofit board.

Participated in a giving circle that linked donors with third-world individuals to promote economic enterprises.

The giving circle traveled to Central America and identified funding needs to support startup economic enterprises. Collaborated with two agencies to establish the Nicaragua 2001 Foundation, linking U.S. and global donors to high-risk individuals needing capital to establish retail enterprises. Raised funds to open a satellite micro-credit office in Chichigalpa, Nicaragua.

Allocated grants in excess of \$15M to visual and performing arts organizations. Represented the Washington Mutual Foundation on Corporate Council for the Arts. Collaborated with representatives from Microsoft, Boeing, Weyerhaeuser and other corporations to analyze and evaluate written funding requests from arts organizations. Interviewed applicants and awarded grants to museums, theaters, dance and music groups.

Charter member of National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers.

One of first members of the Network, whose mission is to increase the quality, effectiveness and capacity of grantmakers by mobilizing and strengthening the work of knowledgeable, ethical and experienced consultants. Seeks to establish benchmarks of quality and tools for selecting excellent consultants.