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*Kristina L. Mayer leads the KLMayer Consulting Group in creating change through strategic philanthropy. KLMayer is a full-service provider of proven and effective strategies for grantmakers and grantseekers, offering expertise, guidance and training in sustainable fund development, grantmaking, capacity building and executive coaching.*



## Dr. Mayer specializes in:

- Developing strategies that connect donors with opportunities.
- Assisting philanthropies to design programs that have influence and leverage.
- Sensitively bringing together diverse groups of people and resources to create change.

## Recent Projects

- Philanthropic initiative development and grantmaking, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, Seattle, WA
- Grantwriting/coaching for National Board Certified Teachers, Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession, ESD #121, Renton, WA
- Organizational capacity building and executive coaching, The Center for the Future of Teaching & Learning, Santa Cruz, CA
- Promotion of philanthropy, Jefferson County Community Foundation, Port Townsend, WA

## Professional Experience

- Principal Philanthropic Consultant, KLMayer Consulting Group, Port Townsend, WA; 2004-present
- Senior Program Officer, Stuart Foundation, San Francisco, CA; 2000-2004
- Program Manager, Washington Mutual Foundation and Corporate Community Relations, Seattle, WA; 1996-2000
- Principal, Bainbridge Island School District, Bainbridge Island, WA; 1993-96
- Assistant Principal/Curriculum Specialist, Central Kitsap School District, Silverdale, WA; 1991-93
- Classroom Teacher, various locations in Washington state; 1977-91

## Selected Accomplishments

- Spearheaded the Washington Initiative for National Board Certification, a multi-foundation, statewide initiative that dramatically increased the number of certified teachers in the state by expanding infrastructure and policy support.
- Initiated the Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession, a nonprofit organization that offers research and policy recommendations for enhancing teaching quality in Washington state.
- Launched the Jefferson County Community Foundation and led it to achieve nonprofit status, a working board, grant funding, and a plan for developing long-term fundraising and investment strategies.
- Co-created the Nicaragua 2001 Foundation to promote economic enterprises and micro-lending in Nicaragua by linking U.S. donors with third-world entrepreneurs.

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## Education

- Fielding Graduate Institute, Ed. D. in Education Change and Leadership, December 2001
- Gonzaga University, MA. Ed. in Administration and Curriculum, June 1987
- Seattle University, B. Ed. in Education, June 1977
- Highline Community College, A.A., June 1975
- ITT Business School, June 1972



## Memberships

- National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers, Charter Member
- National Association of Elementary School Principals/Association of Washington School Principals (NAESP/AWSP), Emeritus Member
- Philanthropy Northwest, Emeritus Member
- Leadership Tomorrow
- Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

## Past & Present Board Service

- Washington State Board of Education, System Performance & Accountability Chair
- Philanthropy Northwest, Development Chair
- Grantmakers for Education, Program Chair
- Nicaragua 2001 Foundation, Founding Board Member

## Professional Endorsements

“I am impressed with Kris Mayer’s careful and creative thinking about how the nonprofit sector can improve its effectiveness and use its limited resources most strategically. I’ve found her to be an insightful and inquisitive grantmaker and an energetic leader.”

—William Porter, Executive Director, Grantmakers for Education, Portland, OR

“Kris Mayer added critical knowledge to a comprehensive strategy to reduce dropout rates in King County. Having her on the consulting team was definitely value added. She was a great team member, always responsive and responsible—and went beyond the call of duty!”

—Nancy Ashley, Founder, Heliotrope consulting firm, Seattle, WA

“More than any other individual, Kris Mayer helped me understand how to think strategically as a grantmaker about literacy and education programs. She has a broad range of experience and knowledge in education, the arts, grantmaking and organizational development. She knows her stuff.”

—Peter Blomquist, Vice President for Constituency Development at Mercy Corps International & Former (Founding) Director of the Starbucks Foundation, Seattle, WA

## Publications

Mayer, K. L. (2001). *Becoming a Grantmaker—Learning the Craft of Grantmaking: A Grounded Theory Study*. Dissertation Abstracts International (UMI no. 3032092).