

KIT EVANS

Kit Evans has been a leader and consultant for non-profits for over 40 years—creating organizations, raising funds, developing programs, lobbying for legislative reforms, and advocating for social change. Her early work, in Alaska, included founding Abused Women’s Aid in Crisis (AWAC)—the second shelter for domestic violence victims in the U.S. Soon, she helped create a chain of shelters and sexual assault centers across Alaska. Evans led organizations and on their behalf fundraised over \$30 million for domestic violence shelters, sexual assault centers, and AIDS housing, and worked as a therapist for persons with AIDS at Seattle’s Bailey-Boushay House.

Serving as Executive Director for Hilltop Artists in Tacoma (2006 - 2017), Kit demonstrated her belief that *participation in and awareness of the arts is central to a community’s well-being*. The arts should be a core element of learning for youth of all cultures and economic backgrounds.

Kit has been an interim executive director for several non-profits, including Symphony Tacoma.

A graduate of The Evergreen State College-Tacoma and Antioch-Seattle, she’s currently a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum, and a board member for Harmony Hill Retreat Center and Port Hadlock’s Community Boat Project.

