

## DAVID L BUSH

As a **passionate city of Toledo advocate and change agent**, my goal is to secure a position within a world-class and forward-thinking organization. This position will allow me to contribute my twenty-one years of Executive Director experience working with a diverse population, particularly underserved youth, and community stakeholders. I am a team-player, a skilled communicator, and a problem solver who excels in building relationships and connecting with people.

### EXPERIENCE

#### **February 1993 – Present: Librarian Associate, Toledo Lucas County Public Library**

Engage youth and community stakeholders through active collaboration on the importance of librarianship and lifelong learning. Develop and implement programs geared to the youth population with the goal of increasing awareness and providing resources. Represent the TLCPL and expound on its values of being *welcoming, innovative, objective, accountable and collaborative*. Foster relationships with educational institutions, teen initiatives, the city of Toledo and various partners. Collect data, create, and facilitate trainings, and committee reports.

#### **December 1999 – Present: Founder & Executive Director, Madd Poets Society Inc**

The mission of the Madd Poets Society Making a Direct Difference youth program is to stimulate growth and imagination through the arts. Staff with an extensive background in arts education teach poetry and various art mediums as a holistic means of touching others with powerful messages that heal the human spirit. Executive Director responsibilities include management, curriculum development, grant writing, goal setting, mentoring, fostering art engagement efforts, encouraging a lifelong love of the arts.

#### **March 2020 – Present: Co-Chair, Youth Empowerment & Engagement Committee, City of Toledo Human Relations Commission**

Led the charge of integrating youth into the committee, fostering an inclusive environment where youth have a voice in decision-making about needs in the community that impact them. Worked in collaboration to implement the 2021/22 Youth Job Fairs and 2022 Kid Mayor and Kid Council initiatives. Responsible for planning and executing youth creative involvement in the annual MLK Day Unity Celebration held at the University of Toledo and attended by over 4,000 people. Helped with the successful planning and development of a virtual offering in light of Covid.

### EDUCATION

#### **2019 – Present: The University of Toledo, Bachelor of Arts in Exploratory Studies, and Communications**

- 4.0 GPA,
- 2021 - National Honor Society Recipient
- 2022 - National Society of Leadership and Success Recipient

### REFERENCE

**Dr. Anthony Akins** MD, Old West End Community Health Center, **Rhonda Sewell**, *Director of Belonging & Community Engagement TMA*, **Larome Myrick**, PhD, *RI Department of Children, Youth, & Families*. **Calvin Harris**, *Manager, City of Toledo Sewers & Drainage Services*, **Jenny Jaqua**, *Customer Service Commissioner, City of Toledo*,