

curriculum vitae

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At present...

I am the founder and operator of **The Home Inspector, Inc.**, a full-service home inspection company serving the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. I have performed or supervised over 12,000 visual inspections of homes according to and exceeding the Standards of the American Society of Home Inspectors, (ASHI®) and offer mortgagor inspections, progress inspections, commercial inspections and condominium reserve analysis. In 1999-2001 I inspected 116 apartment communities in the USVI and Puerto Rico under the HUD-REAC protocol under subcontract to MSA of Atlanta, GA and On Site Insight of Boston, MA. In 2000, 2001 and 2002 The Home Inspector Inc. inspected 3,350 units (annually) for the VI Housing Authority. In 2001 I completed the due diligence report for the Enterprise Foundation Social Investment Corporation regarding their first investment in Puerto Rico, a 100+ unit affordable housing community in San Juan. In 2006 THI added 2 Associate Inspectors, and began a management support service for local condo associations. Also in 2006, I served for several months as the ex-dir of Habitat for Humanity on St Thomas.

Previous Employment Experience:

12/89- 6/98 Member of the senior staff of Manna, Inc. a non-profit builder and developer of housing for low and moderate income families in Washington, D.C. and a vigorous cdc. I began work as a site superintendent, and in 1992 was appointed as Manna's first property manager. In 1996 I was appointed as Director of Customer Service and Property Management. In this capacity I was responsible for: the oversight of all properties from acquisition until construction, and then until final occupancy; the initiation of all condominium and cooperative regimes; all customer service concerns; owner training; preparation of operating budgets, selection and oversight of management companies, and reserve analyses; quality inspections on all Manna projects; providing leadership in the Community Building Initiative; and communicating with all departments regarding property management, development and housing production issues. I resigned from this position to move to St. Thomas, where my wife was appointed to the faculty of the University of the Virgin Islands.

10/92- 8/98 Self-employed on a part-time basis, as a **professional Home Inspector**, initially as a sub-contractor to Home Tech Systems, and from 2/96 as one of the founders of Faro Systems. Both companies were located in Bethesda, Md. Inspections were performed in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. I achieved Certified Membership in the American Society of Home Inspectors ® (ASHI) in this period.

1/80-12/89 Self-employed as the owner/operator of Constructive Problem Solving, a licensed home improvement company. I designed and carried out repair, remodeling, and new construction projects in D.C., Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ontario, Canada, and built a yurt in West Virginia.

10/80 - 10/90 Served as a local consultant to Hazardous Materials Engineering, Inc. of Opelika, AL on local asbestos removal projects. I have been a certified asbestos handler.

9/79 - 2/80 Employed as first national program director of the North American Council on Adoptable Children, Washington, DC.

9/77 - 8/79 Employed as the Executive Director of the Work Activity Project, City of Kingston, Ontario, Canada. This program offered work-experience, life skills training, and academic upgrading to adult welfare recipients who were being encouraged to re-enter the work force. In the time I was Director 62% our participants who left for any reason attained successful job placements

4/75 - 8/77 Self-employed as a builder, as an insurance salesperson, and as a consultant to an adaptive industry, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

9/68 - 4/75 Employed by the YMCA of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. I was hired as a "detached youth worker", and then directed community youth work. I was a branch Executive Secretary when I resigned.

9/66 - 9/68 Full-time volunteer and resident at St. Francis House, an inner-city neighborhood house and youth club in Winnipeg. I also worked as a substitute teacher.

Education and Certifications:

1967 University of Manitoba, Bachelor of Arts, History and Political Science
1970 Management by Objectives
1972 Certified YMCA Secretary, YMCA of Canada
1973 Red River Community College, Winnipeg, Marketing
1983 Fairfax, VA, EPA-certified in Asbestos removal
1984 Montgomery College, Maryland, Computer Science
1987 The George Washington University, Washington, DC, Wood Engineering
1989 Home Tech Systems, Bethesda, Md., The Home Inspection Business
1991 Home Tech Systems, Bethesda, Md., How to Perform Home Inspections
1993 licensed by US EPA in Residential Measurement of Radon
1995 Fair Housing Institute
1995 Radalink, Inc. Radon Detection and Mitigation
1995-7 Local Initiatives Support Corp. (LISC) Comprehensive Asset and Property Management
1996 Consortium on Housing and Asset Management (CHAM), **certification as Non-Profit Housing Specialist**
1997 completed all requirements for **full membership, American Society of Home Inspectors.**
1999 completed 48 hours training and achieved **certification as Inspector** for the Housing and Urban Renewal Dept. (HUD) under the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC)
2001 – re-certified under HUD's REAC 2.3 Inspection protocol.
1997-2006, annual training for ASHI recertification

Awards, Memberships, Community Service

1997, That Award - best performance from 'class of '96' CHAM
American Society of Home Inspectors, (ASHI®) Certified Member.
Foundation of Real Estate Appraisers, 'Commercial' Member
Community Associations Institute
Potomac Association of Housing Cooperatives
Consultant, Neighborhood Re-Investment Corporation
Volunteer Instructor, VI Housing Finance Agency, Home Buyer Training Program

Friends Peace Teams – Treasurer 2006- (international ngo carrying out reconciliation and re-building work in Africa and central America)

African Great Lakes Initiative – 2006, coordinated a speaking tour of US east coast by Burundian Friends leader; 2003 and 1999, co-leader of teams of international volunteers for reconciliation and reconstruction work to **Burundi**, (East Africa).

Rotary Club of St Thomas, Sunrise. Incoming Director, 2007

Habitat for Humanity, a founder and the construction manager in Prince Georges County, MD. Founding Member of VI Board. First Executive Director, St Thomas HfH, 6 mo only

Friends Non-Profit Housing Corporation, Board Member and Consultant, 1984-98

American Friends Service Committee, several regional board and committee responsibilities; clerk of AFSC-DC Program from May 1995 to 7/98.

Friends General Conference, member of Central Committee and Executive for 10 years.

Clerk of Nurture, Personnel, and Nominating Committees (consecutively)..

Washington Urban League, technical committee on home inspection standards

Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Member of support committee to Pat Kutzner, a released Friend working with the **Torreón-Star Lake Navajo**, near Cuba, NM.

References: Upon request.

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