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Kathryn “Kate” Bennett

Following her lifelong passion for leadership in the non-profit sector, Kate Bennett currently provides pro-bono ethical decision-making education, team building sessions and leadership consulting for non-profit organizations and their leaders.

Bennett has over forty years’ experience in non-profit management including chief executive officer positions with the American Red Cross, Island Hospital Foundation and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Most recently she served as the director of Leadership Skagit, a leadership immersion program based on the principle of servant leadership.

For the majority of her career, she served as Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross for the state of Hawaii and the American Territories of the Pacific. In this role, she was responsible for the management, delivery, and funding of Red Cross health, safety, programs for the military and disaster services in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. As CEO, she directed a team of 150 staff and three thousand volunteers throughout the Pacific.

The National American Red Cross twice honored Bennett as recipient of its highest staff leadership honor, the Tiffany Award for Management. She was also recognized for her work to improve health and safety services to the military and their families with the presentation of the Service Excellence Award by the Surgeon General of the Navy.

Appointed by Governor Jay Inslee, Kate recently completed two terms as trustee of Skagit Valley College. She formerly served as chair of the Skagit Valley College Foundation Board. She is a founding board member of WE Ignite, a non-profit dedicated to inspiring and empowering women through educational seminars and conferences and now serves on their advisory board. She also serves as Vice President of Community Action of Skagit County’s Board of Directors. Locally, she was honored to be named SWAN Woman of the Year for her role in mentoring women in Skagit County.