

***Jacqueline Jaramillo***

Jackie has dedicated her 40 year career to ending poverty and helping communities as a social entrepreneur. She has developed programs for under- resourced communities and populations through economic development and educational opportunities. Over a 30 year period of time, she founded several non-profit organizations that addressed issues ranging from literacy and job training to economic development. She has championed the cause for people who struggle with poverty, giving them hope through education and enterprise.

Jackie's expertise includes public policy. She is adept in the legislative and administrative branches of government. She has 30 years of nonprofit management experience, 18 years of church-based ministry experience, and 12 years' experience in community and business development. In 1978, she became Senior Assistant to Colorado's Governor Lamm and was responsible for Human Services Policy Development. After leaving the Lamm administration, Jackie went on to establish the first private-sector welfare reform project in Colorado in 1982, (CWEE) which became a national model for welfare reform. CWEE continues to provide leadership and services in the Denver Metro Area.

In 1985 she created a highway construction company to create non-traditional jobs for single mothers. This enterprise opened the way for Single moms to enter the DOT apprentice program with the state of Colorado as heavy equipment operators earning 35-40 dollars an hour.

In 1998 Jackie pioneered the way for Church and State partnerships while serving as Executive Director of Faith Partners, a coalition of 160 churches in Colorado Springs which developed a response to new welfare legislation. As a founding Director of Faith Partners, she led the coalition to help mentor families from generational poverty that lost welfare benefits after long-term dependency. This project has become a prototype for faith based initiatives nationwide. And hundreds of families have exited welfare with dignity and purpose.

Jackie is skilled in creating public/private partnerships and bringing diverse stakeholders to action. She can engage marketplace leaders in helping under resourced communities develop new enterprises. In 2008 she combined her skills in community and business development to promote the vision and mission of Dovetail Consulting, a company dedicated to bringing transformation to communities who struggle with all types of poverty. As Co-owner of Dovetail Consulting, Jackie has taken the message of hope into global markets in Africa, the European Union and the Far East.

Jackie is currently the Vice President of Strategic Initiative at Springs Rescue Mission. She develops best practice in SRM programs. Working in partnership with Governor Hickenlooper's homeless Initiative she launched One Congregation-One Family program which seeks to end family homelessness in our state. She is also part of a team that is developing new programs at the Springs Rescue Mission. She describes her work at the Mission by saying "My passion and life's' purpose has found a home" I love my work and I am grateful for the opportunity I have, to give hope to those who are hopeless and the forsaken of our community.

Jackie's education includes studies in Anthropology at Colorado College, Sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Regional and City Planning at the University of California at Berkeley. Graduate level studies in Human Development and Theology. Jackie lives in Colorado Springs with her husband of 45 years, Luis Jaramillo. They share the joy of 6 adult children and 10 grandchildren.