



Yumiko Whitaker Chief Development Officer

Yumiko is securing WHW's future with applied expertise as a revenue and capacity building professional with decades long experience in the private, public, non-profit and government sectors.

As the founder and owner of Hummingbird PR, she guided several entities to optimal performance. Prior to establishing her consultancy, she held strategic leadership positions with top tier organizations such as IKEA, Gap Inc., American Cancer Society, Nakatomi PR and the California State Legislature.



With a sincere passion for people and shaping positive change, Yumiko thrives in opportunities to solve problems that improve the human condition. Her volunteer experience includes board and committee previous service with Burbank Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Burbank Property and Business Improvement District, Corporate Advisory Committee, National Society of Fund-Raising Executives (now Association of Fundraising Professionals), OC American Marketing Association and OC Public Relations Society of America Diversity Committee.

A Los Angeles native, Yumiko is the youngest of six children born to a Japanese mother and African American father. Her mother, Chizuko, is a survivor of the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Attack and Yumiko is a hands-on caregiver helping her mother navigate Alzheimer's with dignity and respect. A lover of nature and the great outdoors, Yumiko enjoys hiking, camping and mountain bike rides as the demands of life permit.

Education:

Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Loyola Marymount University
IKEA Marketing Management Program, Delft, Netherlands and Finland

About WHW: WHW is a 501(c)(3) that provides the unemployed and underemployed with skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. Since 1993, WHW has served local job seekers at no charge, many referred by over 80 partner agencies. Each year hundreds of job seekers participate in programs focused on making each of them the most marketable candidate for the job they seek. Programs include: Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Assistance and Professional Apparel. For more information on WHW and how you can support our job seekers, visit www.whw.org.

2803 McGaw Avenue
Irvine, CA 92614
949.200.8639
yumikow@whw.org
LinkedIn: yumikowhitaker