

Michael's Bio

For a generation, Michael Brand has been carrying the message of transformation....that we can rethink the whole nature of nonprofits and create exciting new models that pursue the mission and fulfill the hearts of those working in the organization.

While working with leaders from across the United States, Michael's philanthropic efforts include serving as a Partner with Social Venture Partners in Portland, Oregon.

Previous to his west coast move, Michael served as a Program Officer for a major east coast community foundation (The Erie Community Foundation), where he led the coaching and training efforts to ignite nonprofit transformation in the region. In addition, in this role he coordinated the granting of over \$1 million in aid to select nonprofits.

Through much of the 90s and 00s, Michael worked with a range of human service and education reform efforts initiated by the State of Pennsylvania in order to meet the new challenges. In his spare time Michael did a bit of fundraising for several nonprofits while also teaching at the Penn State.

His work is also international. Soon after the fall of the Iron Curtain, Michael led the first team of nonprofit advisors into the Czech Republic. Working in conjunction with the United Nations High Commission On Refugees, Michael assisted many small fledgling non-governmental organizations make the transition to a new way of life. A generation later, all these groups are a thriving, integral part of Czech civic society. Following this project, Michael landed in Australia where he was invited to research and teach at Queensland University.

Many organizations have invited Michael to serve in leadership roles on their Boards of Directors and organizing teams: from youth organizations and libraries to environmental groups and YMCAs.

Michael holds a Masters of Nonprofit Management from the renowned Mandel Center For Nonprofit Organizations at Case Western Reserve University in addition to a Political Science degree from Montana State University. In addition Michael holds several advanced certificates in various facilitation methodologies.