

CNL Board Essentials Trainer Biographies

Julie Hardin, Executive Director, InConcert Sierra

Growing up in Southern California (Orange County), Julie was inspired to learn about the arts through family trips to Los Angeles to experience the theater, symphony and ballet.

In 1992-1996, she and her family and other business partners owned and operated a popular restaurant in Nevada City called The Bouzy Rouge, complete with singing food servers. It was there she met pianist Ken Hardin, who became her husband (and InConcert's artistic director). In 1997, Julie became the marketing consultant for InConcert (then known as Twin Cities Concert Association) and, in 1999, was promoted to executive director.

She came to InConcert with a diverse background and education in corporate customer service, as well as both restaurant and for-profit business management, marketing and public relations. Julie has served on KVMR's Classics DeClassified radio show committee (and occasionally hosts a show), the Center for Nonprofit Leadership's board of directors, Hospice of the Foothills' board of trustees, Nevada County Arts Council, Nevada City School of the Arts Foundation, and several other local boards and committees.

She sings alto in the Sierra Master Chorale.

Wendy Willoughby, Managing Director, Center for Nonprofit Leadership

Wendy began working with the Center for Nonprofit Leadership in late 2008 and for over 13 years has had the pleasure and honor to learn from some of the most dedicated and passionate leaders in Nevada County's nonprofit sector.

Prior to CNL, Wendy served as the Development and Education Director at the Foothill Theatre Company in Nevada City. She holds a BA in Theatre and Dance from UC Irvine and while living in Southern CA, helped found the Vanguard Theater in Orange County and was an artistic company member and Development Director for the award-winning Los Angeles Theater troupe, Circle X.

Wendy also works for our Nevada County Fair as their Community Outreach Coordinator, managing several key areas of the annual Fair's activities. Being a 4th generation Nevada County resident, she was delighted to return to her home town to raise her family near dear relatives and friends. She lives with her husband, Matthew, daughters, Olivia and Simone, their 2 fluffy black cats and 2 of the sweetest black Labs in the world, Wheeler and Raina. She spends her free time attending NU High School Girls tennis matches and soccer games.

She has been dedicated to the support of her children's educational entities and served as the Board President of Tall Pines Nursery School for 4 years and then continued on the board of the Grass Valley Charter School Foundation, eventually serving as their Board President for 8 years. In addition to her efforts on behalf of the board, she is very proud to have been the creator and co-producer of the GVCS festival, the Blue Marble Jubilee.