

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
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PARTICIPANT BIOS**

**KAY CHERRYHOLMES
SAINT FRANCIS COMMUNITY SERVICES**



Kay Cherryholmes is the KidZone manager at Saint Francis Community Services (SFCS). Kay's primary focus involves working with children in foster care because of abuse and neglect or human trafficking, or with those eligible for adoption. SFCS has a broad range of programs that provide community outreach, family preservation, therapeutic services to youth within a residential treatment facility, and individual therapy for children who have experienced trauma. SFCS was established in 1945 and now serves 10,000 children and families per year throughout Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. The KidZone was established in 2014 and is based in Wichita, Kansas. Children who are without permanent placement frequent the KidZone until more permanent placement is found. Kay's passion aligns with the SFCS mission "to be an instrument of healing for children, youth and families in spirit, mind and body, so they can live responsibly and productively with purpose and hope."

When she was pursuing her undergraduate degree in social work in the early 1990's Kay was advised that she "wasn't going to change the world, regardless of [her] optimism." Kay took that as a personal challenge to make every effort to help transform the world of *one* child, *one* parent or *one* person in need at a time.

Over the course of two decades Kay has sought opportunities to serve children in need through International Tracing at the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, iCan bike camps for disabled children, Junior Achievement of Kansas, Big Brothers and Sisters program, AMBUCS International, and the Kansas Food Bank. In her efforts to understand the cultural experiences of poverty, wellness and spiritual diversity she has traveled to Kathmandu, Nepal, hiking through remote Nepalese villages to the Mt. Everest base camp. She also walked alone across Northern Spain on the Camino De Santiago, 450 miles. It is her intention in these treks to remove the layers of comfort and self-esteem associated with home, education and professional identity. By trying to understand other cultures through experiencing them directly, Kay is able to facilitate a stronger understanding of the universal struggles shared by many people, especially children, in need. She then applies the knowledge she gains to serve the diverse needs of the children in her care at Saint Francis Community Services.

Kay holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Wichita State University and a master's degree in social work from Newman University.

Kay will be hosted by the Wuhou New Zone Youth Development Center in Chengdu, Sichuan.

TERRENCE HAMILTON
AIDS UNITED



Terrence Hamilton is the operations manager of AIDS United, in Washington, D.C., where he provides support to the Operations, Finance, Program and Executive Departments. During his eight-year tenure at AIDS United he has been responsible for enhancing the organization's visibility with donors, community partners, grantees and other stakeholders through fundraising and development, public relations and branding activities, and print and electronic publications. Terrence has held multiple positions at AIDS United and is committed to the mission of the organization: to end the AIDS epidemic in the United States.

Prior to joining AIDS United, Terrence worked for The National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials in Washington, D.C., as the manager of logistics and administration where he oversaw the Professional Development Department educational programs. He has also worked for the Healthy D.C. Foundation as program manager and development officer, working closely with the D.C. Department of Health while he managed the HIV Prevention and Community Planning Group to address the needs of HIV/AIDS prevention throughout Washington, D.C.

Terrence is an alumnus of Rider University and is working to become a certified fund raising executive. He is active in the local community and mentors youth from underserved neighborhoods in the city. When not working, Terrence enjoys supporting the arts and cultural events, watching sports, and cooking.

Terrence will be hosted by Asia Catalyst and Aibai Culture and Education Center in Beijing.

KAYLIN PADOVANO
CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY



Kaylin Padovano is the program manager of the Children's Aid Society Family Wellness Program in New York City. The Family Wellness Program provides comprehensive services to parents and children who are affected by domestic violence or relationship abuse as well as training and technical assistance to child welfare agencies throughout New York City in implementing best practices for working with families impacted by violence. Ms. Padovano has worked on anti-violence initiatives for the past six years both in NYC and internationally, including developing a relationship violence education curriculum in Lima, Peru, through a Fulbright fellowship and working with UNICEF's Urban Programming unit to increase safety and reduce disparities for children in cities across the world.

Ms. Padovano received her master's in social work from Columbia University and her B.A. from Rutgers University.

Kaylin will be hosted by the Princess Center and the National Center Against Violence in Ulaabaatar, Mongolia.

KAM YAN
APEX FOR YOUTH



Kam Yan is currently a development and special projects intern coordinator at Apex for Youth, assisting with college prep program development and fundraising initiatives for underserved Asian American and immigrant youth in New York City. As a first generation college graduate in her family, she personally witnessed the challenges, power, privilege and importance of having access to good quality education. Without sufficient educational resources, support and a strong foundation, students will be less competitive for the limited number of spots in a prestigious institution that serves as a catalyst for upward mobility. Therefore, she interns at Apex for Youth to “pay it forward” as Apex’s mission is to empower students to grow into confident, college-ready and community-oriented individuals.

Prior to joining Apex for Youth, Kam managed a team of 15 American consulting and Chinese national staff in Shenzhen, China, in the international education consulting industry mentoring high school students in reflective writing, critical thinking, and self-discovery skills on their U.S. college applications.

Kam graduated from Smith College with a B.A. in psychology and East Asian studies. She will begin her MBA studies at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in fall 2016. She looks forward to combining her passion in education with business to bring high quality educational access to underserved domestic and international youth.

Kam will be hosted by the Nanning Society of Youth Health Service in Nanning, Guangxi.