



BIOGRAPHY

Mark A. Palmer



Secretary of Civil Society Bahamas

Mr. Mark Palmer brings over 20 years of commercial experience to the non profit sector. His forte is strategic and tactical planning, with experience in marketing, branding, business planning, communications, finance, and human resources.

He has served as Finance Director and HR Director in the corporate world and brings Commercial Board level experience from a variety of industries. Latterly, he was Co-Chairman of Bahamas Copier and Office Products (BCOP) a company that employed over 150 people with revenues of \$13 million per annum.

As a consultant to Agape Foundation Bahamas Ltd (Agape), he brings his commercial experience to help strengthen and build the sustainability of non profit organisations (NPOs).

He served as Assistant Secretary of Civil Society Bahamas (CSB) from 2016-2017, and currently serves as Secretary of CSB since 2018.

He is co-founder of Friends of the Blood Bank (FOTB), a non profit that helps the Princess Margaret Blood Bank arrange blood drives and currently serves as a Director of the program. He also serves as a Director of the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP), the largest youth program in The Bahamas. He currently also serves on the Leadership Team of the Singularity University Chapter of the Bahamas.

He was a Disaster Relief volunteer with Humanitarian Operations from 2006 to 2013, Co-Chair of the Community Emergency Response Training, Nassau Bahamas (CERT) in 2005, the Family Island Chair of the Urban Regeneration Commission, Nassau Bahamas from 2003 to 2004, President & VP of the Gordonstoun Association & Director of the Gordonstoun Association Trust, in the UK from 1996 to 2004.

He also founded and served as Chairman of The Enfranchisement League (TEL) a lobbying group that campaigned for Leasehold Reform in the UK from 1987 to 1992.

After leaving the world of commerce, he became a consultant preparing strategic, business and marketing plans for a variety of organisations such as Fidelity Bank & Trust, The Bahamas Development Bank, The Bahamas National Trust, Island Journeys and Blairwood Academy.

He is a published author (The 10 Deadly Sins Of Antipreneurship) and wrote a weekly column for the Tribune Newspaper on business matters from 2004 to 2007.

He can communicate in English, German, French, Spanish and Haitian Creole.

He won an international poetry prize in 2006.

Mark attended high school at Gordonstoun School in Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland and after graduation, obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of Kent at Canterbury (UKC) England. He has a Certificate of BID Project Management Techniques for Development Professionals

He is Married with three children.