

# J.O. HASELHOEF

## RESUME

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Advocate, Community Architect, Social Artist (Aug. 2023 to present)**

- MKEighbors: Co-founder and participant of neighborhood group in Jackson Park area.
- Jackson Park Community Association: Board Member, chair of Grant-writing Committee, of nonprofit association in south Milwaukee.
- Selected participant in community-based education and advocacy groups: [West Allis Transportation Academy](#) (2025), [Milwaukee County's Senior Leadership Program](#) (2025), [Columbia Aging Center's](#) Seminar Series (2024), Milwaukee's [Safe & Sound's](#) Resident Leader Training (2024), [Urban Rural Action's](#) ABCs for Constructive Dialogue (2024), CoGenerate's [International Community of Practice Solutions](#) to Social Isolation and Loneliness (2024),

#### **Journalist, The Haitian Times (May 2020 to Mar. 2025) — Brooklyn, NY and Milwaukee, Wis.**

- Researched and led or co-wrote over 140 features and hard-news stories covering U.S.-Haiti relations, immigration, health/science/aging and the diaspora.
- Special series included "Gangs in Haiti: A Deeper Look," "A Special Report: The State of Haiti" and "Immigration and Migration."
- Foundations or fellowship-awarded stories (selected): Solutions Journalism Network's, "Community connections: How Indianapolis partnered up when the Haitians came," Ford Foundation's, "Haitians in America," and as a Columbia School of Journalism's Age Boom Fellow, three articles on Haitian caregiving/aging.

#### **Humanitarian Writer, Author, Promoter (June 2013 to Aug. 2021) — Various locations domestically and internationally**

- Wrote short- and long-form non-fiction essays and narratives published in print or online by *Wising Up Anthology*, *Evening Street Press*, *Fiction Southeast*, *HerStory*, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Extra Newsfeed*, *Healthcare in America*, *Haiti Global*, *Stuff dot Life* and website, [www.JOHaselhoef.com](#).
- Wrote blogs, articles and other collateral pieces for non-profit organizations including Rotary Club of Guatemala City, Engineers Without Borders, USA-Guatemala, Toastmasters International and Youthhaiti.
- Wrote 50,000-word creative non-fiction manuscript documenting eight-year social art-based experience in Haiti, published Feb., 2015. Developed all-platform promotion through speaking engagements, writing opportunities, website development and social media.

#### **Co-founder and Director, Yonn Ede Lot Association (Nov. 2007 to June 2013) — Lamontay, Haiti and Williams Bay, Wis.**

Responsible for policy creation, program development, fundraising, donor record-keeping and communication with donors/public. Worked with board to assess needs, implement programs, and evaluate effectiveness.

- Raised over \$100,000 from individuals and small businesses through events, e/direct mail, personal solicitations and tours to Haiti.

- Helped fund and implement 40 projects in education, agronomy, manufacturing, finance and public health and coordinated with Haitian director and leaders.
- Worked in partnership with U.S. and Haitian Boards of Directors to ensure policy adherence and meeting of mission objectives.

**Artist in Residence (Nov. 2001 to Dec. 2010) — Various locations domestically and internationally**

- **Developed art-content websites and videos documenting social art projects.**
  - Conceived, wrote, narrated, taped and edited videos.
  - Distributed *Peace of Mind* to all 125 Alzheimer's Association chapters and *PAVA International* to all its major donors.
- **Designed and taught art curriculum** to 175 students (K-12) with special cognitive and physical needs at Lakeland School, Elkhorn, WI.
  - Conceived, wrote, narrated, taped and edited videos.
  - Coordinated with 60 teachers and aides to meet individual education plans.
  - Initiated monthly shows and other public viewings of student art at local venues.
- **Created artistic residencies working with students and clients, emphasizing equality and ability.** Populations served, from children to seniors, were based at grade schools, universities, assisted living facilities and on the street.

**Executive Director, Peoria Art Guild (Sep. 2000 to Nov. 2001) — Peoria, Ill.**

Provided daily leadership, expertise, and supervision to the departments of education, events and fundraising, exhibition, retail, artwork and gallery rental.

- Increased annual revenue stream by 10% through educational programs and special events.
- Realized \$750,000 in annual income through research and grant writing.

**COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

MKEneighbors, Toastmasters International, Rotary International, OPADEL Nursing Project, Open Arms Free Clinic), Geneva Lakes YMCA, Engineers Without Borders USA., AllWriters International Writers' Group.

**BOARD AFFILIATIONS**

Jackson Park Community Association (Member), Saeko Ichinohe Dance Company (Member), Crittenton Center (Member), Peoria Art Guild (Member) and Sun Foundation (President)

**EDUCATION**

- Masters of Fine Arts, Visual Arts, Conceptual Social Art emphasis – Vermont College for Fine Arts
- Bachelors of Arts, English – University of California, Irvine