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Born and raised in Hollywood, California. Hollywood High School graduating honors included DAR Award, Epebian Society electee, American Legion Award, Girls' State participant. Completed a Major in Psychology with a Minor in Music at Stanford University. Was active in communities of Sunnyvale, California; Downers Grove, Illinois; and Ashland, Ohio; with music, education and other children's issues as well as working as an executive secretary, office manager, part-time medical transcriptionist, and administrative assistant while raising two sons and two stepsons. Upon moving to Pueblo, Colorado, in 1979, worked as secretary/training coordinator and then service administrator at General Electric Company before being married and jointly opening an electrical engineering firm, Engineered Systems Inc., now beginning its 17th year.

Current Personal and Professional Involvement in Pueblo Community

- Pueblo Downtown Association - Member since 1991 and Past President (1993-1997)
- Task Forces of 2010 Commission - Governance, Learning, Business & Economic Development
- Pueblo Chamber of Commerce - Member (16 years) and Past Board Member (6 years)
- Pueblo Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee
- Joint Education Committee of Latino & Pueblo Chambers - Member and Immediate Past Chair
- Pueblo Goodwill Industries - Board Member (7 years) & Immediate Past Chair
- United Way of Pueblo - Board Member (5 years)
- Colorado Professional Engineers - So. Chapter Auxiliary Secretary and Past President (15 years)
- Historic Arkansas River Project (HARP) - Election Committee*, Coordinator Selection Committee*, Communications Committee, and Co-Chair of HARP Holiday Lighting Extravaganza for past two years
- Pueblo Choral Society - Founder, Singer (16 years), Past President and current Fund Raising Vice President
- Pueblo Christmas Posada Committee Member (15 years)
- School District 60 Community Math Council - Member
- Pueblo Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) member (15 years)
- USC President's Advisory Council - 2000-2001
- Pueblo Council for Children and Youth/Children's Summit - Current Business Representative
- It's About Kids Statewide Advisory Committee (Rural Coalition of Colorado Children's Campaign)
- Latino Chamber of Commerce - Member
- Business Women's Network - Member
- Building Bridges for Success Committee - Member
- Gear-Up Grant Business Participant - One of six businesses currently participating in Pueblo

Recent Activities

- MacDowell Music Club Member (founded in 1927) - 11 years
- 2010 Commission - Secretary, Past Chair, At Large Member
- Leadership Pueblo Program - 1996 Graduate
- 1998 Blue Ribbon Panel to Recommend Future of Pueblo City/County Government - Member
- 1999 Pueblo Committee to Defeat 2B - Chairman

Awards

- 1997 Joint Education Committee Corporate Change Master Award (Val and Dan Henderson)
- 1999 Small Business of the Year - Pueblo Chamber of Commerce
- United Way CEO Award of Excellence - 1999 (Val and Dan Henderson)
- Professional Engineers of Colorado - Employer of the Year Award 1999
- Professional Engineers of Colorado - Newsletter Editor of the Year 1998