

Jim Losi Biography



Jim has had 25 years of private sector experience in senior leadership positions in financial services along with 14 plus years of higher education experience. Simultaneously, he has had almost 40 years of experience serving and working on numerous domestic and international nonprofit and NGO boards, conducting donor trips and chairing and hosting fund raising events. Starting in 1987, he has engaged in emergency relief work in a variety of venues to include Latin America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Sub Saharan Africa. Since 2005, he has worked on development aid and national security projects for selected African governments, a variety of NGOs and selected government agencies. Service to others is an important part of his life's mission.

He currently serves on the boards of the School of Public Health and the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. Additionally, he serves on the board of the Catholic Institute for LaSallian Social Action. Past board service has included Gardens for Health International, Rwanda, CARE, UNCF, the American Red Cross, Make A Wish Foundation (SF), the Stupski Family Foundation, Enable USA and was an early founding board member of Guidestar. He was also the President of the Charles Schwab Corporation Foundation from 1998 to 2001. Lastly, he has chaired many community events including the Celebrity Pool Toss (SF) and SF Fleet Week (SF).

Jim has a very long history of being an avid fundraiser having raised over \$20M for a broad range of causes and NGOs. This has been accomplished mainly through donor education trips throughout the developing world. He remains active in the international development community where he continues to be called upon by government and nongovernmental agencies to assist in crafting development aid strategies mostly in Africa.

Jim founded two nonprofit organizations. In 1995, he founded the Kundebana Foundation, a nonprofit development agency focused on solving the issues facing child-headed households in Rwanda and Central Eastern Africa. Kundebana is the Kinyarwanda word for "I love children." In 1999, he founded The Foundation for The Prevention of Child Abuse, an international agency dealing with child abuse legislation and issues. Additionally, he created and currently leads the Rwanda Opportunity Fund, which offers credit and venture capital to young Rwandan entrepreneurs.

He has been on the faculty of St. Mary's College of California since 2010 where he has been teaching undergraduate and graduate students studying international development aid in Rwanda. His study abroad program in Rwanda has garnered much international interest. He has also taught Africa-oriented courses at UC, Berkeley and Cal State University. He has written

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extensively on the plight of child-headed households in Sub-Saharan Africa along with several articles on service learning amongst college students in the developing world.

In 2003, Jim attended the University of California, Berkeley where he earned two M.A. degrees in Political Science and International and Area Studies and was a Rotary Peace Fellow focusing on development issues in Africa. He attended the University of Fribourg, Switzerland in 2004 to conduct his research. His research has focused on the issue of the child-headed households in Sub-Saharan Africa and the associated security risks. He also holds an M.B.A. in Finance ('80).

Jim is an active member of the USCG Auxiliary where he has had many positions serving at the Flotilla, Division and District levels. In October, 2015, he received the Auxiliary Cutterman device in a ceremony aboard the *CGC Aspen* where he continues to serve.

Lastly, Jim was born and raised in New York. He has been married to Beverly Losi for 43 years and lives in Danville, California where they have raised their three children and enjoy their grandson, Lukas. Additionally, while not officially adopted, Jim and his wife have substantially raised two Rwandan children.