

BIOGRAPHY

KATHY DEBOE

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Ms. Kathy Deboe was born in Washington, DC, USA, and still resides there. As a student of international relations, she earned a BA from American University. In 1980 she obtained her Master of Public Administration degree from George Washington University. She also holds several post-graduate certificates in management, leadership and technology.

Ms. Deboe is currently devoting her time to assisting people in need. She has most recently been employed by the City of Washington City Hall as Special Projects Officer in the Partnership and Grant Department, where she is responsible for education-related programs to build the capacity of small nongovernmental organizations in the District of Colombia.

Earlier Ms. Deboe had retired from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where she had worked for 33 years in various positions, first as a Personnel Assistant to the Chief of the Restaurant and Demonstration Service and ultimately in charge of the Civic and Community Relations Program. Ms. Deboe also served as Vice President of the IMF African American Association.

Ms. Deboe has a passion for helping poor communities. For nearly 25 years, she has assisted the mentally ill and defended their rights before the Court of Justice as a legal representative. At the same time, Ms. Deboe has provided financial and material assistance to orphanages and schools in Ghana, Benin, and Ethiopia. In addition, she voluntarily participates in the distribution of food to the homeless in Washington, DC. Finally, Ms. Deboe participates in the fight against poverty in sub-Saharan Africa through non-governmental organizations such as SODEV International.

A practicing Christian, Mrs. Deboe believes in the Bible passage that says "to whom much is given, much will be asked." She sets an example of devoting her life to her neighbor, sharing her blessings without restraint.