

Michael Farver Personal Bio, January 12, 2010

Michael Farver graduated college with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, with majors in both economics and marketing, as well as a juris doctor degree from the University of Toledo College of Law.

Experience

Michael is the President of the Board of Directors of Florida Impact, the state's leading legislative public policy advocacy organization, and helps direct in South Florida the state-wide Partnership to End Childhood Hunger initiative, funded nationally by Share Our Strength and the Food Resource and Action Center (FRAC), to develop and implement a plan to end childhood hunger in Florida by 2015. He served as the Chairman of the National Advisory Board of Share Our Strength, the United States' leading anti-hunger, anti-poverty organization, for six years.

Previously, for over 15 years, he held a variety of senior management positions with the Tribune Company, one of the country's premier broadcasting, publishing and internet media companies, before turning full-time to public service, philanthropy and providing consulting, development and support services to individual, corporate and nonprofit organizations in 2006.

Michael is the Founding Director and President of End Childhood Hunger, a South Florida 501©(3) non-profit organization that advocates for childhood hunger and nutrition solutions, coordinates local volunteer services and raises funds to benefit local emerging, niche and start-up non-profits fighting childhood hunger at the street level. He is also a Trustee of The Farver Foundation, a Michigan-based charitable foundation supporting hunger relief, child nutrition, education and community development.

In his role as President of End Childhood Hunger, he is a member of the Steering Committee of the Broward County Million Meals Committee, a collaboration of over sixty public and private agencies working on a united front to eradicate hunger in Broward County and increase hunger awareness through, advocacy, support, understanding, information, networking, and year-round action. Committee members include the Cooperative Feeding Program, the Coordinating Council of Broward, the Children's Services Council, Broward County Health Department, Department of Children and Families, the US. Department of Agriculture, Feeding South Florida, the Social Security Administration, hospitals, schools, and other committed for-profit and non-profit Faith and Community-Based organizations.

Michael serves on the Board of Trustees of Siena Heights University, a Catholic University founded in 1919 and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, and previously served on the boards of the Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, the Hollywood Art & Culture Center, the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, and ArtServe, the Broward County Cultural Arts Incubator, where he served as Chairman for four of his nine years on the board. He also served for fifteen years,

including four years as co-chairman, of the Broward/South Palm Beach committee of "Taste of the Nation," a culinary charity event that has raised over 1.5 million dollars for hunger relief in South Florida.

Michael is also President of Erleichda Consulting, founded in mid-2008, which is a collective of individuals focusing on brand identity, community relations, web analysis and development, social media campaigns, public relations, print and multi-media promotions, project and capital fundraising, grant writing, and executive and staff development and support for the for profit and non-profit sectors.

He is the Executive Vice President, and member of the Board of Directors, of Blissfield Manufacturing Company, a third-generation family business that is a global supplier of heat exchangers, fluid coolers, receivers and condensing units serving the HVACR, Automotive and Off-Highway Vehicle industries.

Community

Michael works closely with a wide variety of South Florida charity and hunger relief groups, including The Cooperative Feeding Program, Love Thy Neighbor, Inc., the Daily Bread Food Bank, FLIPANY, the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Harmony Development Center, Kids in Distress, Hispanic Unity, Women in Distress and the Broward Partnership for the Homeless.

Service

Since 2003, Michael has served as a volunteer on a series of projects, working with Habitat for Humanity, the RGV Food Bank, the Hope Medical Clinic and the South Texas Civil Rights Project in the Colonias (migrant colonies) of the Rio Grand Valley, Texas, as well as assisting in the rebuilding of the Hope Medical Clinic, the Martin Luther King Magnet School, the Lake Forest Elementary School, the Lower 9th Ward Health Clinic, and the Culinary Corps for Katrina Relief project in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also has coordinated a number of service projects on behalf of the Timberland Company, working with local schools, migrant families & children in Immokalee, Florida.

Recognitions and Awards

1999: Tribune/Sun-Sentinel Senior Management Award.

2001: Heart For The Hungry Award, presented by the Cooperative Feeding Program and the American Culinary Federation, for South Florida hunger activism.

2001: Encore Award, presented by ArtServe, for outstanding contributions to the South Florida cultural community.

2002: National Leadership Award for Organizing Excellence from Share Our Strength.

2005: National Humanitarian of the Year Award from Share Our Strength.