

ELAINE HAMILTON

Elaine Hamilton currently serves as the Executive Director of the United Arts Council of Collier County. She joined the Council in 2003, and oversees all aspects of the organization's operations and services.

A native of Tennessee, Elaine received her degree from the University of Maryland with majors in marketing, advertising and public relations. Her marketing career has spanned positions in seven states over 20 years, including vice-president of marketing for an international franchise company. She has also worked as a writer, and her articles have appeared in several national magazines and local newspapers.

Elaine moved to Naples in 1998, and for several years was the Executive Director for a local trade association. Prior to joining the United Arts Council, she owned a public relations and marketing consulting firm.

Since moving to southwest Florida, Elaine has been very involved in the community. She has been active in Rotary and has served on the board of directors for the Literacy Council and the Bonita Assistance Office. She was a member of the board of directors and vice-chair for the Community Foundation of Bonita Springs. Elaine belongs to the Public Relations Society of America and several local chambers of commerce.

Since joining the United Arts Council, Elaine has served on the grant committees for both the Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Education Foundation. She was on the marketing committee for the Downtown Naples Association and chairs the Cultural Tourism Task Force for the local Convention and Visitors Bureau. Elaine was named to the list of "Most Powerful Women in Southwest Florida" by the *Florida Weekly* newspaper in 2011.

Prior to coming to Florida, Elaine served as chairman of the board of directors for the March of Dimes foundation in Washington, D.C. and on the boards of numerous charities and community organizations in Maryland, California, Michigan and Indiana.