



Shelby Thomas

NON-PROFIT PROGRAM LEADER

A native of Orange County, California, Shelby is an accomplished Master Social Worker (MSW) in the nonprofit sector and is passionate about serving the community around her; in positions that make a true difference. Shelby currently holds the position of Program Director at Zero8Hundred, leading a team that drives maximum service participation supporting the mission daily.

Shelby has proven results that include the ability to keep programming active and impactful. Shelby is focused on the growth of the organization and strategically moves the program forward leading clients to positive outcomes. Shelby's strategic approach to creating long lasting partnerships provides success in all organizations she supports. As a Master Social Worker, Shelby understands the importance behind having quality, experienced, social workers who can assist the organization and the community at large. Shelby leads and mentors a team of 12-14 Bachelor and Master, degree, Master Social Work Candidates a year, this initiative allows an opportunity to connect social workers to real life, client interaction experience, applying their education to on, the job training. Shelby is dedicated to supporting social workers at all levels understanding that social workers in the workforce is needed across the County. Shelby's leadership and ability to mentor creates a cohesive team approach that directly impacts program success.

Shelby holds a Master of Social Work Degree from University of Southern California, USC, with a concentration in Community Organization, Planning, and Administration. Shelby received her Undergraduate Degree in Social Work from Point Loma Nazarene University, PLNU. Shelby relocated to San Diego in 2009 to attend PLNU; Shelby quickly found herself engaged in her community volunteering with the Face Foundation, writing for the PLNU publication "Driftwood", and assisting in the San Diego "We All Count" initiative. With a passion to serve, Shelby continues in her community engagement efforts aligning personal passions to impact and change and now calls San Diego home!

Shelby currently sits on the San Diego Military Family Collaborative Coordinating Council, is a member of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and the North San Diego Business Chamber of Commerce; Shelby is active in the Defense, Veteran, Military committees at both chambers and holds a current membership with the National Association of Social Workers.

Shelby prides herself on being a lifetime learner and participates in continuing education opportunities as she believes more education can always assist the clients and community she is serving. Shelby's goal is to pursue Licensure by obtaining her LCSW in the near, future.

Shelby is a servant leader, one who is focused, determined, passionate and truly believes in the power of giving back.

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