

An Gift of Adoption person connection with some corporate supporters, we chose to highlight an Executive Board member who just strongly shares the critical and mutual benefits derived through corporate charity partnerships. This quarter's perspective is offered by Anne Green, Gift of Adoption minority stake with Anne shares her role in corporate philanthropy and her personal reasons for joining the ranks of GAF. Anne has been a donor for 24 years and joined the Executive Board in 2018.



Anne Green

Anne Green leads Data Clinics with Purpose at EPW and is an Executive Board Member. She recently shared with Gift of Adoption how she views the relationship between Business and philanthropy.

Anne grew up in a close-knit Midwestern family. "I had loving parents and opportunities for education. I graduated from Indiana University and had such a great time that I chose to go back for my master's degree. Eventually, I entered the world of international development where I saw firsthand the lack of opportunity that so many experience, both globally and at home.

A commitment to address social issues – like access to education and career opportunities, and health equity – was needed and continues to grow."

Anne originally joined EPW as a consultant, bringing her knowledge of grassroots and business and career issues with her to this big, free professional services and accounting firm. It was clear to her that the goodwork of many companies could be enhanced with additional knowledge and resources from the business world.

"The Data Clinics with Purpose team, which I lead, leverages EPW's people – our professionals who are growing their data and analytic skills. We help companies evaluate data that they may not have the expertise or bandwidth to analyze, so they seek to better serve their stakeholders and communities. For our professionals, there aren't here, you have people to see potential in existing client work. The engagements provide our professionals an opportunity to serve the community while enhancing their data and analytic experience as they work to solve real challenges."

When asked what motivates her to do this work, Anne says, "Working with non-profit partners to make meaningful, impactful change takes all actors. It can't just be the government; it can't just be individuals – it takes all of us working together. The commercial sector brings problem solving and business know-how that is important to healthy communities and healthy economies. Actually, it's enlightened self-interest. Our businesses already believe if we have a robust value pipeline and healthy environment."

Anne describes her role as "working at the intersection of business and society to help both be stronger. The services we provide to our profit collaborators help them serve their beneficiaries more effectively and efficiently, and by providing these job-based opportunities to our employees, we are helping them grow their skills, networks, and expand their career opportunities."

Anne also believes strongly in personal giving. "I do not have children of my own, but I want to play a role in nurturing the next generation. Based upon my work in International Development, I know that a leading way to help a child is to be sure that he/she has a loving home and access to opportunities to thrive. Before kids can succeed in education and the economy they need the structure and support of a loving home. I joined the Executive Board because it makes sense. I am investing in both a child's future and the future of a community. Moving children into facilities just out of social service institutions is an excellent means of maintaining resources. The gift of adoption is the gift of family, gift of care, every gift of safety and gift of love."

"To whom much is given, much is expected. If I can help someone have more so that they can in-turn share generosity, it is a ripple-effect I want to be a part of."

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