

STEVEN S. KLOTZ

Seasoned by over 50 years in nonprofit endeavor, Steve Klotz has served organizations as Executive Director, Development Director, grants specialist, and board member. In his capacity as fund counsel, he has provided expertise to agencies and institutions throughout the nation, large and small, religious and secular, with varied missions, approaches, and constituencies, and has held executive positions in both the government and private sectors (for-profit as well as non-profit).

Growing up in Philadelphia, he numbered persons with disabilities as friends and playmates, introducing him to the culture and community. In the 1970s, he co-founded Southeastern PA Legal Services for the Deaf, which soon expanded services to all persons with disabilities, specializing in school-based educational and accessibility issues. Years later, he served as Executive Director of Special Olympics Miami-Dade, Florida's largest sector. He learned ASL long before his own hearing degenerated to partial deafness.

Trained in piano and musical theory, he is an accomplished garage band musician and performs locally on bass and keyboards with other part-timers who share his passion for music and the arts. He serves as Executive Director of Embrace Music Foundation, a non-profit agency he co-founded, committed to restoring music and the arts to public education. A journalist at heart, his "*Thoughts By Klotz*" column appears in south Florida's *Cahoots Quarterly* newspaper.

He resides in south Florida with his wife of 34 years and a pride of nine or ten felines, depending on their moods and whims.

