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Devoted to Expanding and Creating Businesses in Marquette and Baraga Counties

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Accelerate UP was created by a group of local volunteers who are passionate about enabling economic development in Baraga and Marquette Counties. These volunteers make up the Management Team that is responsible for ensuring the right Enterprise Facilitator is hired and that the Resource Board has the right expertise for success. Training will be provided for both the Enterprise Facilitator and Resource Board Members.

The Management Team is comprised of the following community volunteers:

Chantae Lessard
Eric Johnson
Iris Katers
Mark Massicotte

Simon Nish
David Saint-Onge
Debbie Stouffer
John Westman

RESOURCE BOARD

The Management Team will be looking for individuals who are willing to attend a meeting where connections are made for potential entrepreneurs. Meetings will be held once a month and will last no more than two hours.

As a member of the Resource Board you will help local entrepreneurs succeed by identifying existing resources within our community.

The enterprise facilitation model Accelerate UP is using was developed by the Sirolli Institute. For more information about the Sirolli Institute please visit their website at www.sirolli.com

ENTERPRISE FACILITATOR

The Enterprise Facilitator will provide intensive, one-on-one assistance to new and expanding businesses in Baraga and Marquette counties, linking potential entrepreneurs to programs and resources.



Ron Miaso

Ron Miaso has held a variety of positions in organizations spanning large business enterprises, small business ownership, and contract management for a government agency. While in the automotive field, Ron was responsible for business planning for product development as well as budget development and control. He helped to create and operate a small business in the central Upper Peninsula devoted to assisting small businesses achieve their goals. He has also managed a contract for workforce development and has taught a variety of business seminars. Ron and his wife Jacquie enjoy the outdoors and treasure the time they spend snowshoeing with their dogs.