

SUSAN EPSTEIN

Our Schools, Our Media

1995 Global Fellow



ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Our Schools, Our Media (OSOM) inspires and teaches students to mobilize community action on behalf of their schools. OSOM works with students in low-income schools to design and produce media (print, video, and internet) for their local community. The media content includes suggested school improvements, how community members can get involved, and goals for the education of local youth. Students in OSOM's programs distribute their publications to 280,000 people quarterly. Schools benefit from greater resources for teaching and learning because of the increased community involvement and support. Students develop literacy and communication skills, and discover their ability to make a difference in their schools and their lives.

PERSONAL BIO

Susan Epstein has fifteen years of experience as a strategic management consultant to nonprofit organizations and foundations. Her past consulting projects have guided agencies in the areas of management, technology, marketing, diversity, and communications. Susan is an elected school board member with responsibility for 3700 elementary school children, three State-run preschools, a staff of more than 300 people, and a \$37M annual budget. During the first half of 2008, she served as the interim Executive Director of the Nonprofit Support Center during a period in which the organization was undergoing substantial transition and growth. She hired five employees and supervised twelve employees in three offices spanning Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. In addition, she also developed the technological infrastructure for this regional organization that provides management training and consulting to more than 2,000 nonprofits.

Issue area

Education

Organization/Fellow Location

Santa Barbara, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit