

## Annette Miller Bio



Taking the lead to make a difference, Annette Miller serves as a connector and bridge between community, business, government, and nonprofits to transform the greater Madison area into an inclusive, vibrant, and resilient regional community.

Annette Miller has lived in Madison since 1989. She started her career in state government providing policy, budget, and project management skills on topics such as new program development, workforce issues, and operational best practices for eleven years. In 2003, she accepted an opportunity as Mayor's aide where she expedited and advanced community and neighborhood issues and projects on behalf of the Mayor. Since 2005, she has been at Madison Gas and Electric Company as the Emerging Markets and Community Development Director.

Annette has partnered and collaborated on many projects that involve building and sustaining the greater Madison Community. Examples include:

- Acting as a loaned executive to help fundraise and lead the Urban League of Greater Madison to complete the \$4.1 million dollar capital campaign and search for the next CEO in 2010.
- She was instrumental in helping Mayor Cieslewicz build a vision for Allied Drive to improve housing, safety, education and employment concerns of this neighborhood that is considered low-income, a food desert, and isolated from the broader community due to the original design of the neighborhood and being shared by two municipalities.
- She helped start and grow organizations like the Madison Network of Black Professionals, founding member of the Black Chamber, Minority Business Advisory Council, and has advised many other organizations on how to grow and make an impact in their community with empowerment in mind.
- A lead collaborator in the development and design of an inclusive engagement program for MGE in collaboration with community partners to engage African American and Latino members of the community around the topic of sustainability. She and the team of collaborators created a space for these community members to see themselves in the sustainability movement. In 2014, they graduated thirty (30) households and currently, have over 1,800 members of these community members following them through social media to share their stories about food, water, waste, transportation, health, and much more.
- Serves as Board of Director for the Allied Community Cooperative to help them analyze and assess the feasibility of a grocery store in their neighborhood/community.
- Mentoring, coaching, and advisor of many boards and community based nonprofits on how to strengthen themselves through fundraising, board development, inclusive engagement, and strong strategic planning to build a resilient and sustainable organization for its members and community.
- Instrumental in helping to develop and coordinate a partnership and engagement strategy for MGE to ensure a diverse, broad, and inclusive voice for its Energy 2030 Framework. The result of the effort was engagement of hundreds of diverse community, individual, nonprofit, and business stakeholders in the conversation and process.



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Ms. Miller is passionate about people and growing inclusive, resilient communities, neighborhoods, organizations, and businesses that support them! She is humbled to have had a career to date that allows her to leverage these assets that improve the quality and well-being of those who live in and around the greater Madison community.

Ms. Miller has three children; of which two are in the Madison school district, and the other is pursuing a postsecondary education, with longtime husband and partner, Michael Miller.