

BING OWENS

PRO BONO CONSULTANT

CITY: CHICAGO
FIELD: FINANCE
PROJECTS: NINE



Bing Owens is a valuable pro bono consultant who brings a wide array of skills in finance to Taproot. Having started his career as an accountant, he eventually moved into analytics and strategies. Bing thought it was a lot more interesting to think about where and how an organization needs to get to a certain point rather than analyzing where it currently was. He followed that interest into contract negotiation.

BING'S PROJECTS

DONOR DATABASE (5)
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (2)
STRATEGIC PLANNING
PREP
SALESFORCE DATABASE

JANE ADDAMS RESOURCE CORPORATION
HAVE DREAMS
PEOPLE'S GROCERY
GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY ALLIANCE
HEALTHY SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN
CHICAGO FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION
CHRISTOPHER HOUSE
CHICAGO CULTURAL ALLIANCE
CONGO SQUARE THEATRE COMPANY

Bing first heard about Taproot in 2007 through an online advertisement. Since then, he has completed eight projects, and is working on his ninth. "My experience has been really positive. I'm impressed with the volunteers. They come in with great energy and knowledge, really willing to help," said Bing. "The charities are also really appreciative of the grant and the volunteers."

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Bing also added that doing pro bono work is something every business professional should do. "You meet amazing people at the nonprofits and on the team. It's a great way to meet people."

Bing's greatest accomplishment with Taproot was a Service Grant he joined mid-project when one of the team members had unexpectedly quit. He stayed with the project and saw it to completion. "One person can and does make a difference," said Bing.

BING'S PRO BONO POINTERS

ADVICE FROM THE FIELD

Have patience!

DID YOU KNOW?

Bing did a Salesforce project remotely for a group in California.

Bing recruited people to Taproot, including a friend who just recently started her first project. He also joined this project's consultant team to help her have a better first-time experience.

**Thank you
for making it
matter, Bing!**

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