

Elliott Finkelstein

Objective: To serve as a volunteer on public and private organizations within Howard County that will enhance the quality of life of individuals within the county as well as the community at large.

Experience:

**Patuxent Publishing**

- Served as a reporter and the editor at several newspapers within the Columbia Flier organization during the mid-1970s and early 1980s.

**Michael T. Rose Companies**

- Served as the public relations director for the Michael T. Rose Companies, a builder-developer in the area, whose founder was a paraplegic, from the early- to late-1980s.
- While there, I also served in the local chapter of the American Paralysis Association (APA) for seven years, primarily in a fundraising and outreach capacity.
- Also served as an aide to Mr. Rose when he served a one-year term on the President's Advisory Committee on Housing for Handicapped Families for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development during the George H.W. Bush administration.

**Chesapeake Bay Program**

- Served as the initial Public Information Officer for the Chesapeake Bay Program state and federal partnership in the bay restoration effort in the early 1990s.
- Established the Program's public information office in Annapolis, Md., and disseminated joint Program information about the challenges and progress of the restoration effort to media outlets and individuals throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Freelance Public Relations Professional**

- Served as a freelance public relations specialist for private companies and associations, public and private non-profits, medical and quasi-government organizations in the greater Maryland-Washington, D.C. area through the early 2000s, as well as for the U.S. Department of Defense BRAG initiative during the Clinton administration.

**National Association of Home Builders**

- Developed and migrated the association's existing membership communications to an online publications program and served as its editorial director and editor of its flagship publication.
- Retired that position being diagnosed with a degenerative disability.

Volunteer Community Service:

**American Paralysis Association** (now the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation)

- Served 7 years in fundraising and public outreach capacity.

**Domestic Violence Center of Howard County** (now HopeWorks)

- Served 10 years as Secretary on its Board of Directors.
- Worked with staff to develop website and online outreach newsletter.

**Howard County Library System's Project Literacy**

- Serving as English and writing tutor for ESL students and those pursuing a high school diploma. Have been a tutor for more than 12 years.

**Jewish Federation of Howard County**

- Served two years on its Board of Directors
- Currently serving on the Federation's Community Relations Council

**Calah Congregation**

- Currently serving on its Board of Directors