



**Elizabeth McKee Gore**

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**United Nations Foundation**

**Washington, D.C.**

I met Elizabeth McKee in the summer of 1999 when she was hired by the Texas A&M Foundation to assume the role of a junior development officer in Mays Business School. This was a unique role, in that the Foundation had never employed a graduate student for a position of this type. She was enrolling in her Master's program and had a keen interest in higher education development and the major gift process. At the time, I was the head of donor relations for Mays Business School and also served as support for the development office in Mays. I was one of several individuals who interviewed Elizabeth for this position. Today, I can still remember one of her resume' bullets that stood out to me; 'Responsible for preparing President George H. W. Bush's horseshoe pit for his visit to College Station.'

During this same time period, Elizabeth was still serving as Executive Vice President of student council, under then President, Will Hurd. A few short months after meeting Elizabeth, the greatest tragedy to ever hit Texas A&M University happened; the Bonfire collapse of November 1999. Elizabeth served a very complex and important role in the minutes and hours after the collapse. A few of the things she initiated and assumed command for was organizing the service held the very evening of the collapse, including arranging for former President Bush to attend and service as a speaker that night. This service was a monumental task to undertake, but to accomplish this in a matter of hours was extraordinary. Most of you will not remember this service, but if you were on the campus of Texas A&M the day of the collapse, you will remember it for the rest of your life.

Elizabeth graduated from A&M and went on to Washington D.C. to work for former President Bush's Points of Light Foundation. Soon after, she joined the Peace Corps and spent 2 years in a remote village in Bolivia helping the village to become more self-sustainable by understanding better and more efficient practices for raising food.

Below is a current bio for Elizabeth, which summarized her more recent accomplishments. Below this bio I have also provided you with a couple of links to two press pieces outlining her more recent efforts.

There is a great deal of material on Elizabeth; too much to include here.

I hope you will give consideration to this fine young woman and great Aggie. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

With best regard,

Lenae Huebner

Elizabeth's bio from the United Nations Foundations website:

Elizabeth Gore is the executive director of global partnerships and Nothing But Nets for the United Nations Foundation, currently managing partnership and cause marketing strategies implemented in programs and campaigns of the Foundation. Mrs. Gore also directs successful initiatives such as the Girl Up campaign benefiting adolescent girls globally, \$150 Million campaign for malaria programs and the Global Fund, Refugee appeal for malaria, and a multi-million dollar partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Elizabeth recently joined Summit on the Summit and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise awareness for the global clean water crisis on behalf of the United Nations.

Prior to joining the UN Foundation, Mrs. Gore served as the director of development and corporate relations for the Points of Light Foundation. There, she facilitated the development department by successfully fulfilling yearly financial needs of the organization. In tandem, she created a new fund-raising model for the Foundation through corporate cause marketing, connecting the Volunteer Center National Network with corporations and financial partners. Her consulting experience includes the implementation and launch of The Great American Bake Sale, an anti-hunger initiative for Share Our Strength, ABC television and Parade magazine.

Mrs. Gore is a former United States Peace Corps volunteer and served in Bolivia, South America. In Bolivia, she wrote, received and managed a USAID grant to better the food availability and economic situation for the Chaco.

Mrs. Gore is originally from Texas where she was a financial development associate for the A&M Foundation. She holds a bachelor of science in Animal Science and a masters in Financial Development from Texas A&M University.

In 2008, Mrs. Gore was named by People Magazine and Nabisco as one of the top 100 Extraordinary Women. Mrs. Gore has been featured on multiple media outlets including; CNN, ABC, CBS, People Magazine, Real Simple and the New York Times.