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Human Resources Manager
Inspired Senior Living Magazine
3948 Quadra Street
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Re: Journalist Position

Dear Human Resources Manager,

I am a storyteller.

Itching to tell more stories, your magazine will, hopefully, be a fitting venue.

My experience includes newspaper, magazine, radio, television and online, including blogging. No doubt, the stories published in *Inspired Senior Living* are well read and remembered.

Since I have more yesterdays behind me than tomorrow's ahead, my best features are about seniors. I've written about the strength of seniors, their know-how and their time-tested everything.

I know the relevance of a deadline, the need for speed and the virtue of truth. In my 30-year media career, I got it first, fast and right. While researching over the years, I flew upside down in a stunt plane, rode in a submarine, pulled an elephant in a tug-of-war, went down a mine shaft and jumped into the cold waters of Lake Ontario from a rescue boat, just to see if the rescue crew could rescue.

My best work won national, provincial and North American awards. In a 2016 competition, made up of about 500 reporters from 158 newspapers, I was picked the best journalist of the year.

Gifted with a sensitivity to the human condition, people trust me with their stories be it button-bursting joy to gut-wrenching grief. During the tell, people laughed, cried and often paused to wonder. Their stories were real and raw. Some so riveting, they almost wrote themselves.

I've told a host of people stories, including a soldier home from war, a boy who saved an old man's life, an escaped convict who wrote the book *Go Boy*. I told the stories of the world's very best bagpiper, pumpkin grower and a rattle snake bagger. Still, the story of a guy with a diamond in every tooth remains my favorite.

I am the ideal candidate to tell more real-life stories that your readers will enjoy. My skills, training and work experience will be a valuable addition to the *Inspired Senior Living* team. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my resume and I look forward to an invitation to meet with you.

Sincerely,
Victoria Randall
Enclosed

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Reliability and Responsibility: Throughout a 30-year career, deadlines were never missed nor was a story ever challenged in court
- Interpersonal Skills: As a result of heightened sensitivity to traumatized people, interviewed families of victims of the Air India crash
- Research: Investigative reporting, including research on a story about a cocaine crack house, resulting in winning a North American news award in 2010
- Organization: Reporting for 15 separate newspapers, interviewed farmers at a national farm protest on Parliament Hill in Ottawa
- Flexibility and Adaptability: In a single day, covered a murder, interviewed a cabinet minister, attended a Chamber of Commerce speech and reported on a multi-vehicle accident
- Leadership: Designated coach and mentor to college and university journalism interns
- Communication: Regular keynote speaker for Rotary, Lions and Kinsmen clubs

AWARDS

- Recipient of the Torstar President's Award of Excellence 2016
- 16 awards sponsored by the National and Provincial Newspaper Association 1988 - 2015
- Two-time winner of awards by the North American Newspaper Association 2005 and 2010
- Agriculture award 2007
- Environmental award 2004
- Supreme Court of Canada award 1999
- Ontario Premiere award 1998
- City of Toronto's Women of Distinction award 1997

WORK EXPERIENCE

TORSTAR CORPORATION

REPORTER / COLUMNIST

1987 - 2017

TORONTO, ON

Coverage included:

- Four levels of government: municipal, regional, provincial and federal
- General news and features
- Community services
- Emergency services: fire, police and courts
- Education
- Column - Blog

EDUCATION

MOHAWK COLLEGE <i>WEB DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE</i>	2018 HAMILTON, ON
MOHAWK COLLEGE <i>PHOTOGRAPHY APPLIED CERTIFICATE</i>	2016 HAMILTON, ON
DURHAM COLLEGE <i>JOURNALISM – PRINT RADIO TELEVISION DIPLOMA</i> Graduated on the Dean's Honour Roll	1987 OSHAWA, ON

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

TORSTAR CORPORATION <i>ONLINE NEWS DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL WORKSHOP</i>	2001 - 2016
TORSTAR CORPORATION <i>COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNUAL SEMINAR</i>	1988 - 2016
TORSTAR CORPORATION <i>ETHICS ANNUAL WORKSHOP</i>	1988 - 2016
TORSTAR CORPORATION <i>FEATURE WRITING ANNUAL WORKSHOP</i>	1988 - 2016
TORSTAR CORPORATION <i>CRIMINAL LAW ANNUAL SEMINAR</i>	1988 - 2016

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HAMILTON REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE COORDINATING A 5 BEDROOM HOME FOR A FAMILY OF 13	2016 - PRESENT HAMILTON, ON
ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DRIVE	1989 - 2016 GREATER TORONTO AREA, ON
YORK TO NEW YORK RAISED MORE THAN \$10,000 FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF 911	2001 YORK REGION, ON
KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA DESIGNED AND MANAGED FUNDRAISER EVENTS, RAISING MORE THAN \$99,000	1989 -1995 TORONTO, ON
DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION MEDIA LIAISON	1984 - 1993 DURHAM REGION, ON