

The JASAN spotlight is on...AMANDA SATTLER!

WE ASKED AMANDA A FEW FUN QUESTIONS.
HERE IS WHAT SHE SHARED...



Amanda's JA career...

- o 2001 – I started at JA of Southern California as a Program Manager and progressively took on increased leadership responsibilities in fundraising and volunteer management.
- o 2005 – I was hired part-time by JA USA as a field trainer to bring back Program Management Training for program staff across the country!
- o 2009 – Gary Hickman (Area President) asked me to take the lead fundraising position in Southern California, which I held until I left in 2015. I also supported the organization in an interim leadership capacity as Gary got sick, officially retired, and went to heaven.

Share what you are doing now (current job/career, retired, where you are living, etc.)

- o I'm a recovering non-profit fundraiser in Los Angeles! HA!! 😊
- o After nine years as Covenant House California's Chief Development Officer, I officially "retired" as a non-profit staff leader in 2023.
- o I'm pursuing my Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership at the Lilly School of Philanthropy and will graduate in 2026. My research topic is burnout prevention for fundraising leaders. I'm also working on an evidence-based theory of change/organizational sustainability for non-profit leaders and resources.
- o I am consulting part-time to support my early retirement & continuing education habits! I love encouraging and supporting organizations (specifically fundraising leaders and CEOs) to create sustainable philanthropic cultures and infrastructures.

What was your favorite part of working for JA? What did you love most about your time with JA?

- o We all say it, but the JA family is incredibly special. We might put the FUN in dysfunctional at times, but we loved each other and always showed up for one another. You don't appreciate this until you are away from JA.

Who is someone who's made a big impact on your life? Why?

- o Linda Rimer! Nearly 20 years ago, she took me under her wing as a mentor and friend. She's still one of my best friends and has taught me more about faith, leadership, grit, and grace than anyone I know.

What's the last book you read?

- o Something on fundraising or burnout...of course!! 😊

What would be the "theme song" of your life right now?

- o Free-Falling by Tom Petty
- o Land of Hope and Dreams by Bruce Springsteen

What advice would you give to current JA staff across the country?

- o The JA mission needs you to be healthy and here for a long time! Please take care of your physical, relational, spiritual, and mental health. Play the long game.