

***Nancy Fishman***  
***Executive Director, Grand Victoria Foundation***

Nancy is the founding executive director of Grand Victoria Foundation, a private foundation serving Illinois. She drew upon her extensive experience in program and organizational development, community-based collaborations, and marketing to develop the framework for Grand Victoria Foundation. The result is a philanthropic organization that is entrepreneurial, relationship oriented, and user-centered.

Nancy has introduced several statewide and community-based initiatives that center on strong networks and cooperative action. In 2009, the Foundation's work to build the leadership and philanthropic capabilities of community foundations through *Communityworks* was recognized with a Critical Impact Award given by the Council on Foundations. In 2010, Grand Victoria received the Wilmer Shields Rich Award for Excellence in Communications, also from the Council on Foundations.

Ms. Fishman is on the board of Hyde Park Art Center and has served on the boards of The Funders Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities and the Alliance for the Great Lakes. She is past chair of the Chicago Regional Funders Group and is founder and past Chair of the Environmental Grantmakers Group serving Illinois. She was named Professional Grantmaker of the Year in 2004 by the Northwest Philanthropic Network, a group that serves the Chicago metropolitan region.