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Susan is the Arizona-Indiana-Michigan (AIM) Alliance Coordinator of the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, MI. The AIM Alliance is a strategic collaboration between three academic centers for philanthropy and nonprofit leadership based at Arizona State University, Indiana University, and Grand Valley State University.

Susan joined the Johnson Center in September 2006 as coordinator of the AIM group's collaborative work in research, education, training, and technical assistance. She also leads the Johnson Center's strategic planning and evaluation efforts.

Before joining the Johnson Center, Susan was Director for Organizational Effectiveness and Alignment for the Heart of West Michigan United Way, where she led the organization's planning and evaluation efforts and worked independently to provide training and technical assistance to more than 50 nonprofits. Susan is a board member of Arbor Circle, the Asian Victim's Relief Fund, and serves on the campaign cabinet for the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts. She was on the board of the Asian Center of West Michigan from 2004-2007. She also volunteers for the Asian Health Outreach Foundation.

Susan has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economics from the University of the Philippines. Her family (husband, Manny, and daughter, Cai) moved to Grand Rapids in 1999, to pursue her husband's medical training. Susan has been involved in various nonprofits in the Philippines and the US. Her interests are in the areas of research, evaluation, organizational effectiveness and strategic planning.

The Center on Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership began in 1992 as a multidisciplinary, university-wide center developed with the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Grand Valley State University. In 1999, the Center was renamed in honor of Dorothy A. Johnson and her distinguished career.

Since its establishment, the Johnson Center has grown and evolved to serve the ever-changing needs of the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors by developing new initiatives such as the Community Research Institute, the Grantmaking School, and the Nonprofit Good Practice Guide; by providing educational opportunities for nonprofit administrators, directors, and trustees; and by conducting research relating to the sector as a whole and its trends. The Center continues to strive to be an asset to the Grand Valley State University community through its Faculty Service Learning Grants, the Dorothy A. Johnson Collection on Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership, and partnerships with the School of Public and Nonprofit Administration and the Community Service Learning Center.