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OBJECTIVE

I have always known that this world could be a better place if each of us had the passion to do our parts and share our hearts. My objective is to do my part by helping those that are not as fortunate as I have been.

EDUCATION

I graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa in 1972 majoring in English and Physical Education. I received my masters in Education from Northern Illinois University in 1979. Since then, I have attended Columbia College and Eastern Washington University. I have a total of 45 hours credit past my masters degree.

AWARDS RECEIVED

- I was voted the WSC "Coach of the Year" on nine different occasions.
- I was "honored" as the keynote speaker at the retirement ceremony in 2005. There were twelve people retiring overall.
- The twenty-six team hilltopper invitational was re-named after me... It is now called the "Jeff Levin" invitational.
- I was President of the Illinois High-School Gymnastics Association in 1979.
- Competed for an NCAA championship gymnastics team in 1971
- I was chosen to lead the People to People Ambassadors Program in 1988.
- I have written 6 screenplays and have pitched a few of them in Hollywood.
- I am presently working on a novel called, "The Whispers."
- I created an at-risk program called "Project Omega" in 1991.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Manufacturer's Representative – I am currently working for a company titled Focused On You. I service The Great Indoor stores for half of the country. The job involves teaching associates how to sell certain lines that I represent in the store. I also order merchandise for the stores and customers. I travel to

a store every week making sure that everything in the store is operating smoothly and that all of the lines I represent follow a certain plan-o-gram. I am currently in charge of nine stores.

- I have experience working as a camp administrator and instructor at Glen Ellyn YMCA for the summer of 2001.
- I served as a gymnastics coach and facilitator at Buffalo Grove Gymnastics in the summer of 1997.
- I served as a gymnastics coach at Gym Nasti in the summer of 2002.
- Nationally certified gymnastics judge in 1999-2000.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Motts Hospital, Ann Arbor Michigan – entertained children with cancer.
- Worked on publishing a magazine called Xylem at the University of Michigan.
- Manager of the Men's gymnastics team at the University of Michigan.

It's ironic isn't it? Most of us work a lifetime (three decades or more) just so that we can finally retire. My career of thirty-three years as a teacher, coach, mentor and just plain friend seemed to go by like the proverbial "wink of an eye." "I have over five thousand applications on my desk," Dr. Elliott (my first principal) said glaring at me; "Why in the world should I hire you?" I squirmed just a little bit in my chair, but somehow the seemingly defiant man sitting at the big desk in front of me also had a subtle twinkle in his eye; as if he was saying, don't let me scare you...I really want someone to stand up to me. "Because no one will work harder than me; I don't care how many applications are in front of you...I don't care what's in their transcripts...I'm the best one...I'm the right one for this job...Give me a chance! I found myself saying.

At my retirement in June of 2005, as I was chosen to speak from a pool of twelve retirees, I told that same story. I remembered how nervous I was and how tenuous I truly felt about everything. Yet somehow, I summoned the strength to blurt out those words..."I'm the right one for this job!"

My name is Jeff Levin and I'm a thirty-five year veteran of education. Am I ready to retire? Do I need a rest? Hardly, for being a part of the world's most wonderful profession has not tired me or exhausted me; ironically, it has just made me want more. Presently, my wife and I are "taking

turns” reading out loud the wonderful book, The Secret Garden. It’s a novel with tremendous depth and sensitivity. To me, the field of education represents a “secret garden.” As long as I’m in it, I feel strong, worthwhile and vital. That’s why I can respond to whoever asks me, “why should I hire you?” I would just smile and say, “I’m the right one for this job...give me a chance!”