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Through the Tyler Hamilton Foundation's cycling events designed to benefit people with Multiple Sclerosis, Michelle became acquainted with Jimmie Heuga and began her involvement with Can Do Multiple Sclerosis. Her passion for fundraising and volunteering at various events and her contributions while serving on the Development Committee led to an invitation to join the board in 2007. Michelle is a member of the Executive Committee and has provided input on messaging and sponsorships. Michelle is a tireless advocate and has spent years working as a consultant with biotech and pharmaceutical companies who specialize in MS treatment and care.

Michelle studied Political Science at Stanford University and continued her education at the University of San Diego School of Law, obtaining her law degree in 1993. Early employment as an Attorney with the State of New Mexico and later as an Assistant US Attorney allowed Michelle to utilize her education and helped define her career passion for work later in life. In 2002 Michelle began consulting in the biotech industry, eventually becoming an advocate and speaker supporting MS pharmaceutical sales for Serono, Inc, and Pfizer. Michelle expanded her court room skills to include public speaking through various events designed to educate physicians, nurses and patients regarding the benefits of prescription drugs available to treat the disease. She currently works in the area of community relations and special events at Title Nine Sports, a multi-channel retailer of women's sports and fitness apparel in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Michelle is an active supporter of Can Do MS's benefit events. She learned alpine skiing as a means to satisfy her desire to raise donations and enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle. Michelle's commitment to our mission is evidenced by her passion for athletic challenges, including triathlons and cycling. Michelle is constantly working to further the cause of Can Do MS, and demonstrates the CAN DO attitude in all she does.