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In his role as Senior Philanthropic Advisor for American Endowment Foundation (AEF), Ken is a resource for financial advisors, attorneys, and accountants as they discuss charitable planning with clients. Ken is also available when donors need advice or resources to help them, and he created AEF's Philanthropic Advisory Firm Referral Program for those donors who need charitable planning help to complement the advice of their other advisors.

Ken frequently writes columns for publications including Financial Advisor, Accounting Today, Trusts and Estates, and Advisor Perspectives. He has been interviewed in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Chicago Tribune, and Chronicle of Philanthropy.

Ken worked in marketing and then managed his family's 100-year-old business in Chicago, selling it in 2007. He has worked in the philanthropic advisory field since then. Ken has helped many charities over the years understand how to best work with donors as well as the professional advisors in their communities.

Ken has a BS in Marketing from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Founded in 1993, AEF is an IRS recognized public charity. AEF is the largest independent donor advised fund in the country. AEF was founded to provide personalized solutions and donor focused services. A donor advised fund is an account sponsored by AEF into which a donor is able to make an irrevocable gift of various assets, both liquid and illiquid. The donor recommends grants to qualified charities and nonprofit organizations that the donor desires to support.

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