Managing Director, Communications & Marketing

Reports to: Founder and President
Direct reports: Communications, Storytelling & Digital Marketing Team
Location: 333 Hudson Street, Suite #1006, New York, NY

Every Mother Counts’ (EMC) mission is to make pregnancy and childbirth safe, respectful, and equitable for every mother, everywhere. We educate the public about maternal health and invest in community-led programs to improve access to essential maternity care. We engage communities, thought leaders, and partners in efforts to achieve quality, respectful, and equitable maternity care for all.

The Role
Every Mother Counts is seeking a highly skilled, mission-driven Communications & Marketing Managing Director to spearhead the planning, development and implementation of the organization’s communications and marketing strategy. As EMC’s most senior communications expert, this role may represent the organization with external audiences as a spokesperson. This individual will ensure EMC’s origin story is maintained and that the voice of the Founder is maximized for the appropriate moments/audiences. This is a strategic leadership role overseeing all branding, storytelling, digital content, and social media.

Ideally, this individual has a strong interest in EMC’s mission to ensure equitable access to safe and respectful maternity care and is someone who cares deeply about human rights and equity, and maternal health, globally. We are looking to bring world-class talent as a communications professional, a storyteller, a marketer and a critical thinker. The candidate must understand and respect EMC’s values and ensure that they are aligned in all messaging.

Every Mother Counts is a human-centric organization committed to human-centric maternal health solutions and is seeking an individual to lead who understands the power of a physical presence. The expectation for this role is to know the Founder, grantees partners and stakeholders well enough to engage directly with them and learn their voices. This will require spending time in-person in the EMC office or in the field for various meetings and discussions, and when needed to be available to participate in external events and activities as appropriate.

Note: EMC has not yet returned to a full-time work week in the office for all staff but is anticipating moving toward a hybrid model (2-3 days in office) to be determined with each team/team manager this year.

Key Responsibilities

Leadership
Advise and guide via a team-based, collaborative approach to communications, marketing and external relations at EMC. Lead and manage the current Communications, Storytelling & Digital Marketing Team of two, ensuring opportunities for growth and professional development, and consider plans to expand as needed. Participate in and support the EMC Board through presentations, reporting, and trainings/workshops.

Communications
Oversee all external and internal communications, including the development of messaging and content for a variety of channels and a diversity of audiences, including our website, blogs, email marketing, newsletters,
fundraising appeals, social and traditional media and major campaigns.

Oversee and collaborate with the Director, Communications, Storytelling & Digital Marketing and the Digital Marketing & Communications Specialist on EMC’s digital communications strategy, while continuously maintaining and improving the quality and diversity of content, monitoring engagement and performance using various analytic tools, and constantly iterating to drive success as measured by growth and actions.

Work closely with the Development & Engagement team on various fundraising campaigns and activation and with the Impact team on various policy, advocacy and grantmaking efforts and activities.

**Strategy**
Ensure consistency across systems to develop and publish compelling content based on our work.

Drive discovery of the best thinking at EMC and quickly transform these insights into stories that can be used to accelerate our work in fundraising, grant-making, advocacy and programming.

Leverage EMC’s body of films and video content to accelerate our ability to personalize the issue and raise funds, to share what we are learning, and to influence a broader conversation about the challenges and solutions facing maternal health.

Provide direct support to EMC’s Founder and President, Christy Turlington Burns, to ensure maximum impact of her communications—whether written, in the press, or through public speaking opportunities. Bolster the confidence and experience of EMC’s Founder and President as a key thought leader in global maternal health issues, philanthropy and advocacy.

**Public Relations**
Field, manage and pitch media and speaking requests, ensuring that high-visibility opportunities and PR plans are in alignment with our organizations and Founder’s objectives and positioning, and are consistent with organizational goals.

Serve as chief spokesperson, leading the development of key messages and facilitating public engagements often on behalf of the Founder and President.

Manage relationships with a variety of media outlets, agencies and/or consultants to drive EMC’s media outreach strategies.

**Marketing**
Increase visibility of EMC’s mission and impact, and create stronger connections to the brand and its values.

Distill and communicate the issues surrounding maternal health and EMC’s perspective on them to strengthen our reputation as a go-to source for advocacy and thought leadership. Help our key stakeholders understand what we do, why we do it, and how they can be involved.

Serve as a liaison with creative agencies, production teams, distribution channels, etc.

**Qualifications and Characteristics**
- 10+ years of work experience, ideally a blend of private sector, social impact and/or non-profit.
- Big-picture, growth-minded, strategic thinker with exceptional analytical, written and verbal communication and presentation skills; high attention to detail.
• Significant experience in communications, external affairs, and/or marketing with progressive leadership responsibility and a track record of creating, delivering and measuring innovative communications strategies.
• Proven success tailoring messages to a variety of audiences, particularly in translating complex subjects to a diverse range of stakeholders.
• Extensive understanding of communications trends, best practices, digital platforms (including CMS and email marketing) and analytics tools and how they can be utilized to enhance organizational goals.
• Able to thrive in an in-person or remote working environment provide leadership and direction to the team with agility. and to lead with resilience, poise, professionalism and resolve.
• Ability to collaborate effectively with different personalities across teams with different areas of focus and expertise with respect, at all levels both externally and internally.
• Experience working directly with senior leadership, ideally a Founder or CEO.
• Strong network of relationships with leaders in this space, and the capacity to effectively enlist and engage leading thinkers and doers to support our work.
• Candidates will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination.

Compensation and Benefits
• Annual base pay range: $150,000 - $160,000
• Excellent benefits

To apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume here.

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