

Biographies

Leadership Team



June Salin
Co-Creator/Founder

June Salin's vision for the Manadoob began after creating, developing and producing the award-winning documentary "Kids & Animals – A Healing Partnership." The documentary aired on Discovery Communication's Animal Planet and was distributed and released independently in television markets throughout the world. "Kids & Animals" has become an important and widely used teaching/educational tool in schools, universities, hospitals and numerous organizations and is a key component in the Manadoob Program for Self-Esteem. The documentary shares an emotional journey of the healing bond formed between kids facing extreme challenges in their lives who connect with animals that have challenges of their own.

Ms. Salin began her career in the creative field at the international advertising agency, J. Walter Thompson, before moving to head up the University of Southern California's Department of Programming and Promotions. There Ms. Salin supervised the University's involvement with the film and television industry and produced films for the 1984 Olympic Games held in Los Angeles. Ms. Salin simultaneously earned her Master's Degree in Journalism/Mass Communications. In 1984, Ms. Salin established Salin Associates to represent film directors and music producers and was also the co-founder and Executive Producer of ID Production Services, which provided global production resources for international commercial and film production. Ms. Salin has been the writer and/or producer of numerous shows for both domestic and international markets.



Susan Cooper
Co-Creator/Founder

As co-creator and co-author of The Manadoob Program and materials, Ms. Cooper has dedicated the past 15 years of her life to the study of therapeutic solutions to child behavioral and developmental challenges. The focus has been the hands-on practicing of floor time therapy, with over 2,000 hours of active participation and therapy sessions. Having studied the methodology of notable child psychologist and behaviorist Dr. Stanley Greenspan, she also has experience with a number of cutting-edge

techniques for child development in the areas of speech/communication, occupational therapy, music therapy, behavior modification and physical/special movement techniques.

In addition to her career as a mother of three, Ms. Cooper has worked for over thirty years as a producer of internationally distributed films/television programs. Ms. Cooper served as Vice President and Executive Producer at Saban Entertainment, and Executive Director at Buena Vista International, a Walt Disney Company, before becoming a partner and Executive Producer at Taublieb Films. She is the Executive Producer of Showtime's Literacy in Media award-winning film, "Enslavement: the True Story of Fanny Kemble," which also won the Cine Award for achieving Cine's "high standards of excellence in film and video production." She is also the Executive Producer of the inspirational true life story, "The Vow" starring Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams, and of the Emmy Award winning documentary, "Hawaiian: The Legend of Eddie Aikau." Ms. Cooper graduated summa cum laude from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a B.A. in Communication Studies.



Nancy Shannon

Manadoob Educator Trainer/Mentor/Social Media

For over 28 years, Ms. Shannon successfully worked for an international staffing company in sales, operations and training, working closely with numerous corporations including UPS, Coca-Cola, Bank of America, and Federal Express; non-profits such as the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association; and schools such as Emory University and Georgia Tech. Ms. Shannon's desire to work on behalf of animals grew stronger and eventually led to a life changing move to work in animal welfare. Utilizing her sales and marketing skills, she worked in the Cause Marketing Department of a non-profit animal sanctuary. There she was introduced to the Manadoob and to June Salin and Susan Cooper. Since the Manadoob Program captured the emotional bond between humans and animals, and was an exceptional teaching tool for children, it was something Ms. Shannon wanted to be a part of. Ms. Shannon is now introducing the Manadoob Program to corporations and organizations, is trainer and mentor to teachers and Licensed Manadoob Educators, and leads our social media initiatives.