



Russell Turner, Director of Development

- 1. Where did you get your undergraduate degree from and in what major?**
Attended Old Dominion University - marketing.
- 2. Graduate school degree and major?**
None
- 3. How long have you been with the Aquarium?**
Nine years
- 4. Briefly describe your primary involvement with the *Restless Planet* exhibit.**
Fundraising for the *Window to the World Capital Campaign*
- 5. What has been your biggest challenge?**
Increasing the donor base to get community buy-in to this investment
- 6. What are you most excited about guests seeing?**
We have a quality product that the broad-based community will be proud to support.
- 7. What *Restless Planet* fact would surprise guests if they knew?**
The donor base for this project expanded from the 250 donors in the second capital campaign in 1996 to 1400 donors in this capital campaign.
- 8. Once *Restless Planet* opens, how will your job differ?**
The donor base will be encouraged to support the ongoing educational, research, conservation and exhibit projects of the Virginia Aquarium.

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