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Amy aligns community engagement and fundraising with the organization's mission to create a vibrant, welcoming center city. She specializes in connecting stakeholders with transformative city-building opportunities, ensuring that growth is strategic, sustainable, and purpose-driven. Prior to moving to Denver, Amy served as Finance Director and Deputy Campaign Manager for U.S. Congressman Andy Kim in New Jersey, managing national fundraising for one of the most competitive House races in the country in 2020 and 2022.

Amy now volunteers with Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, where she works with high school students on college and career readiness. A former NCAA Division I athlete, Amy captained the Brown University Women's Rowing team and received the college's prestigious "Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year" award. Amy carries her leadership, grit, and team-oriented approach into everything she does and is committed to building inclusive communities where every voice is heard.



Angela Fortunato

Account Executive, Lockton

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Angela's primary responsibilities include overseeing the account servicing of her clients as well as implementing strategy, administering renewals, resolution of billing, claims and eligibility issues, informing clients on compliance measures and staying well-informed of products, carrier competitiveness and markets to provide a thorough understanding of benefits to her clients.

Angela has been in the insurance industry for 12 years and began her career with a focus on executive liability, business development and RFP coordination. She also served as a local HR Liaison and transitioned into Employee Benefits in 2015. Prior to Lockton, Angela worked at two large, publicly traded consulting firms and served a diverse book consisting of both middle market and Fortune 500 clients.



Cat Walker

Global Director Health, Newmont Mining

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Cat Walker is an experienced Health and Wellbeing expert with over 20 years of creating strategic wellbeing programs across various sectors. As a solutions-focused professional, she excels in developing large-scale health initiatives that enhance employee loyalty, connection, and productivity.

Cat's strengths include anticipating global trends, collaborating across functions, and adapting programs to achieve measurable improvements. With a proven background in brand management and program innovation, she is passionate about using her strategic planning skills to benefit organizations prioritising health and wellbeing.



Chevy Lowe

Director, ECMC Group

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Responsible for the sales/growth of our Front Range Business Banking team. Direct the activities to accomplish revenue targets and sales objectives by attracting and retaining new business. Develop and implement programs for business development, sales promotion and expanding the sales and service culture of the bank within assigned area. As Direct, goals set for the team to include budgets and production goals. Ensures budgets are met and focuses on revenue generation and expense control. Responsible for creating strategic market plans for business banking. Sets the strategic direction and execution of strategic market plan.

Responsible for community development and relations. The Director prepares, monitors and tracks relevant reports. Analyzes and organizes area operations and procedures. Revises or creates procedures to improve efficiency of region. Leads employee development, performs monthly coaching of all direct reports, holds weekly/monthly sales meetings. Advocates for the team and provides mentorship. While also recruiting talent to the bank and working to retain existing talent by being a thoughtful connected leader.



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Crystal Barth

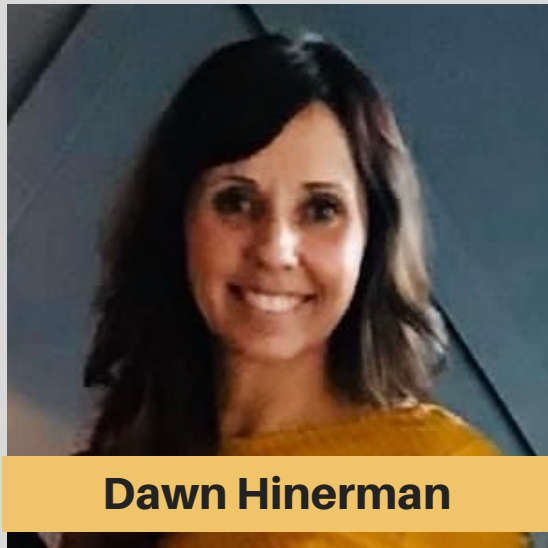
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I am the Director of Provider Relations at HealthONE, where I lead strategic partnerships and fosters collaboration between healthcare providers. With a strong background in healthcare management, I am dedicated to improving patient outcomes and optimizing healthcare services. My expertise lies in building and maintaining relationships with healthcare professionals, ensuring that the highest standards of care are met across the network.

My leadership skills and in-depth knowledge of the healthcare industry have been key to driving growth and innovation within HealthONE. I am passionate about enhancing the healthcare experience for both providers and patients.



Dawn Hinerman

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I am a dedicated financial professional with over a decade of experience in lending management and business development. My journey has been marked by self-driven results, adaptability, and a passion for excellence. Whether analyzing portfolios, building business, or fostering client relationships, I thrive in dynamic environments.

When not at work, you can find me doing anything outside, including snowboarding, hiking, or listening to live music.



Elizabeth Kretz

Retail Credit Product Liaison, Vectra Bank

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Elizabeth Kretz was born in Denver, Colorado and is a native to Colorado. She is an only child. Elizabeth married Josh in May of 2005. They adopted their daughter, Allysen in 2015.

Elizabeth lives in Reunion, Commerce City with her husband and her daughter and two beautiful pups. She loves traveling. From recent trips to Mexico and Costa Rica, she is planning an upcoming trip to Hawaii.

As a child, Elizabeth was raised primarily by her mother. She learned the importance of money and how to manage it.

In High School, her main focuses were around business, accounting and computer networking. It wasn't until she was recruited out of high school that realized she wanted to start a career path in banking. In the year 2000 she was a Teller in an in-store bank. In the future she would earn the positions of Lead Teller, Assistant Branch Manager, Branch Manager and now a Retail Credit Product Liaison.

Elizabeth started with Vectra Bank in 2010 at the Central Park location in Denver. Elizabeth jumped into the Branch Manager role with excitement and perseverance. In this role, she was expected to turn a non-performing branch in to a performing branch. She built a new team with little to no turn-over. The team became a high performing team.

Her role now involves being a leader through influencing. She works closely with all employees to help them achieve their lending goals and building a referral network. She is currently working on her next move. She aspires to be in a leadership role.



Emma Undiks

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Results oriented Treasury Professional with a proven track record of 15+ years in domestic and international treasury operations, cash management, risk mitigation, and liquidity optimization. Eager to leverage my expertise, drive financial excellence, and lead impactful initiatives on my role of Sr. Director of Treasury at STACK Infrastructure. Previously, I held various roles in Treasury supporting domestic and international companies (public and private) - Air Methods Corp. - Arrow Electronics Inc. - and Western Union.



Erica Karnell

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Erica embarked on her financial services career 27 years ago. Starting in a mutual fund call center, she knew this was the industry she would want to pursue, learning different angles of the multi-faceted business. From mutual funds to retail annuities, her latest avenue brought her into the deferred compensation/retirement side of financial services. Her adventures took her to different organizations and allowed her to live in new states taking her from California, New Mexico, Arizona and landing in her current home in Lakewood, Colorado. Her first opportunity to become a supervisor was earned at that first mutual fund company and she knew she found her passion.

She enjoyed coaching others to provide service excellence and in growing their own careers. Eighteen years of her career have been dedicated to leading, coaching and developing highly productive teams in client facing roles. She's proud to be in her sixth year with Empower, retirement plan and financial solution provider, in the Government segment. She and her team are dedicated to working with plan administrators in charge of state, city, county and municipality plans throughout the U.S.

Erica also enjoys being an active member in multiple business resource groups at Empower, including being an ally for PRIDE, Women's Empowerment Network, Empower Abilities and ALMA (Aspiring Latinos Moving Ahead).

California-born and raised, Erica has now been in Colorado for 22 years. If she can't have the ocean, she happily takes the mountains. She and her husband Nick enjoy movies, travel and spending time with family and friends. Erica earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University.



Hallie Kim

Senior Public Relations Associate, Barefoot PR

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Hallie Kim (she/her/hers) is most comfortable when she's lost in a book, song or crowd.

Barefoot's fiercely positive music lover has attended over 150 concerts and music festivals and connects her love of storytelling to the feeling she gets when she's surrounded by people listening to live music and experiencing stories in real time.

Hallie leans into her imagination to make emails, social posts and website content come to life.

As a senior associate at Barefoot, Hallie lets her imagination loose by crafting catchy content, coordinating events and pitching stories for clients. She channels her passion for writing into elevating the stories our clients want to share and the systems they wish to change. Hallie can always find the silver lining in hard situations - both in and out of our HQ. She strives to create balance in her life, as any Libra would, and brings this balance to the Barefoot team.

When she's not making the dream work for our clients, she can be found putting hats on her cat Rollo, dancing to live music in Denver or trying new restaurants with her friends.



Jill Freismuth

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Jill is an experienced Human Resources leader with demonstrated history of building out HR strategy, high potential leadership development, succession and talent planning, and organizational design.

At DaVita, Jill serves as an HR leader for multiple business units, supporting senior leadership teams across the country with their people strategy and organizational design and alignment. Prior to this role, Jill oversaw programs and processes focused on talent development, retention, and engagement, all while promoting a culture of talent mobility. In her role, she managed talent review and succession planning, targeted leadership development and executive coaching, as well as performance management.

Prior to joining DaVita, Jill served as Principal Consultant at Right Management, a global consulting firm specializing in career and talent management. As a member of the North America leadership team, Jill worked with key strategic client accounts globally, including 85% of the Fortune 500. Jill helped organizations create and implement innovative, engaging development programs. Jill also led the North American Center of Excellence for career management, refining and executing strategy and bringing new solutions and thought leadership to clients. Jill holds a B.A. in Communication and Culture from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. She has completed several graduate-level continuing education courses in Human Services and Counseling at DePaul University.

Jill lives in Denver, CO with her husband of 15 years and their two children. Together they love to spend time exploring the city, traveling, and getting outside. Jill likes to unwind through audiobooks, yoga, and attempting to bake.



Kristin Leiker

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Kristin Leiker is a dedicated Key Account Manager at Xcel Energy, where she has built a robust career over the past 18 years. With extensive experience in the energy sector, she specializes in managing relationships with high-profile clients, ensuring their energy needs are met with tailored solutions that drive both efficiency and sustainability.

Throughout her tenure at Xcel Energy, Kristin has developed a deep understanding of the energy landscape, allowing her to navigate complex challenges and deliver innovative strategies that align with her clients' goals. Her ability to foster strong partnerships has been instrumental in achieving customer satisfaction, as well as contributing to the company's overall success.

Kristin is passionate about empowering her clients to adopt renewable energy technologies and improve energy efficiency, ensuring a future-focused approach to energy management.

She is committed to continuous learning and professional development, actively participating in mentorship programs and industry events to enhance her skills and knowledge.

In her role, Kristin strives to be a leader in her field, advocating for best practices and inspiring others to embrace change in the dynamic energy landscape.



Lena Crawley

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Lena Crawley is a nonprofit professional, fundraiser, and educator living in Aurora, CO. She currently serves as the Associate Director of Development for the Community College of Denver Foundation, where she oversees their scholarship portfolio, alumni engagement, and donor communications.

Before joining the CCD Foundation team, she served as Community Engagement Specialist for Jefferson Academy, a network of charter schools and programs in the Denver metro area.

Prior to that, she co-founded the Broomfield Children’s Chorus, a performing arts organization committed to providing equitable access to high-quality performing arts experiences for all children.

Lena grew up in Georgia and Alabama, attending the University of Alabama (roll tide!) out of high school and then returned to higher education as a working mom to receive her Master of Nonprofit Management from Regis University.

She is dedicated to education for all and believes in a world where all students have equitable access to and ownership of their education and training. She didn’t grow up in Colorado, but she got here as soon as she could!



Lydia White

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With over 18 years of experience in the banking industry, I have developed a robust expertise in retail banking, consumer loans, small business loans, and managing complex accounts. My career has been characterized by a commitment to excellence and a passion for building strong client relationships. Over the years, I’ve honed my skills in navigating the intricacies of financial services, ensuring that both individuals and businesses receive the tailored support they need to succeed.

A significant milestone in my career was successfully opening a new branch at a new location, where I was tasked with leading a newly formed team. This experience required me to balance the challenges of establishing our presence in the community, attracting new clients, and overseeing day-to-day operations. My leadership style is focused on fostering a collaborative and motivated environment, where diverse perspectives are valued and leveraged for collective success.



Marie Howe

Senior Director of Engineering, Ibotta

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Marie Howe is a Senior Director of Engineering for Ibotta, Inc. Over her 20 career in technology she has held a variety of positions including as a Software Engineer, Systems Engineer, Program Manager, and Engineering Manager. These positions have given her a broad view of what is required to lead the creation of innovative technologies in a modern, agile, development landscape.

Marie strives to build and foster inclusive engineering organizations which allow for each individual's personal and professional growth. When she is not working, you'll find Marie hiking the Rocky Mountains, hanging out with her two dogs, Willow and Aspen, spending quality time with her daughter, and leading her Girl Scout Troop.



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Marta Orpiszewska is of counsel in the Environmental & Public Lands Group at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP. Marta advises clients on environmental matters in commercial transactions, contaminated land cleanups, and compliance with complex federal, state, and local environmental health and safety laws and regulations.

Marta counsels businesses operating in heavily regulated sectors, including the energy, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries. Her exceptional diligence and commitment to navigating legal challenges have resulted in successful outcomes for her clients.



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Megan Kanter

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Megan Kanter oversees Moneta’s Advisory Team to build and cultivate long-lasting relationships with clients. Megan’s goal is to always empower people to make smarter financial decisions. She does this by finding ways to consistently further her education to bring innovative and effective financial tools, solutions, and resources to clients. She also brings a unique perspective with experience at firms in both Boston and Denver.

Megan earned her Bachelor of Science degree with a focus on accounting and finance from the University of Denver. Prior to joining Moneta, Megan worked at Eaton Vance in Boston, where she worked with high-net-worth individuals and focused on tax-planning strategies.

Looking to expand her knowledge, she then moved to Denver to work for Personal Capital, learning important aspects of behavioral finance and how to expertly tie technology into the financial planning equation.

Outside of Moneta, Megan enjoys taking advantage of everything Colorado has to offer, including skiing, hiking, and traveling with her husband and son. You will often find her involved in numerous mentoring opportunities, and organizations that expand her knowledge base and connections so she can consistently help others succeed.



Naomi Amaha

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Naomi Amaha is an award-winning public affairs leader with over a decade of experience in advocacy, nonprofit leadership, and civic engagement.

She is the Director of Policy and Government Affairs for The Denver Foundation, overseeing the foundation’s strategy for advocacy and grantmaking to advance systems change in Metro Denver. Previously, Naomi worked for The American Heart Association in various leadership roles, where she was recognized for building strong stakeholder relationships and advancing policy change at the local, regional, and state levels in multiple states.

Naomi holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Communication from the University of California Davis, is a Certified Nonprofit Professional, and has earned a certification in Corporate Social Responsibility from the University of Colorado. She is an active member of the Metro Denver community, serving on government, philanthropic, and nonprofit boards and advisory committees.

Naomi holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Communication from the University of California Davis, Corporate Social Responsibility from the University of Colorado Boulder, and is a Certified Nonprofit Professional.



Nina Schwartz

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Nina Schwartz is the Senior Director of Policy and External Affairs for Connect for Health Colorado. She joined Connect for Health Colorado in October 2020. In her role, Schwartz leads the organization's policy research and implementation team, outreach team, and government relations team.

Prior to joining Connect for Health Colorado, Schwartz worked for the state of Colorado in several roles, including positions as the Legislative Liaison and as Strategic Policy Manager for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Before moving to Colorado, Schwartz worked on health policy in Washington, D.C., advocating for passage of the Affordable Care Act, and as the health care legislative assistant for Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04). Schwartz holds a bachelor's degree from Brandeis University and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.



Sarah Young

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Sarah believes in the power of humanity and connection. Her passion for working *with* good(s) and *for* good has led to a 15+ year consumer-packaged foods and nonprofit-focused marketing and communications career spanning from advertising agencies to big box retailers, tech startups to 100-year-old nonprofit institutions. Sarah loves storytelling, crafting brand narratives, and making meaningful connections in her community. She is a graduate of the University of Denver and has lived and worked in Denver for nearly two decades, developing a love for Colorado.

She is a proud founding member of Denver Women in Business for Good business networking group, a volunteer with CreativeMornings Denver, and a DreamWakers guest mentor. She is fueled by kayaking trips, baking, cycling, and her beloved pups Henry and Pepper.



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Savannah has found her dream role as the Assistant Program Director of the Strong Mamas, Thriving Babies program for YANA. As a local business owner for over ten years, Savannah has a rich background in business management and is excited to use that experience to create and expand our programs dedicated to supporting all moms. Her business sense coupled with her personal experience of being a mom of three sets her up to be the perfect advocate for all mamas.

Savannah is a proud native of Colorado and loves working in her community. She has served as a volunteer with the Highlands Ranch Community Association since 2013.

Beyond her community work, she is a dedicated reader, volleyball player, and lover of glitter. She is always looking for new ways to give back and help others.



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I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona and attended college at Arizona State University. In 2011 I graduated with a degree in Urban Planning and Sustainability. Directly out of college I worked for a LEED Project Management Company and then over the past 10+ years have worked in the real estate development industry, with my most recent position being a Director of Development at STACK Infrastructure. I currently live in Lakewood, CO with my husband and two children. We love to travel and explore the wonderful outdoors in Colorado.



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