



Stephanie Eastman Vozar has more than 15 years of fundraising experience she uses to benefit the Young-Williams Animal Center as their Director of Development. She joined the Great Smoky Mountain chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals three years ago after moving to Knoxville.

“I had been involved in the Lansing, MI chapter and the Naples, FL chapter prior to moving here.” Stephanie said. “I had great experiences then and I knew that AFP would be the best place for me to gain current professional education in my field as well as meet new friends and colleagues once we moved here.”

As the current president, Stephanie knows about some of the hidden value in becoming a member.

“Hands down the best thing has been the friendships I have developed,” said Stephanie. “The priceless advice I have solicited by blatantly taking advantage of those friendships has been great too!”

Stephanie thoroughly enjoys BBQ and building relationships with people. She is an admitted dog person who quite literally grew up in the nonprofit world. Her parents founded a private nonprofit foster care agency and raised her in a philanthropic environment she was destined to join.

“Though I was offered the keys to the life changing nonprofit my parents had built, I always felt my calling was with animals,” Stephanie said. “After many years in sales and business development, I realized in my work life I was drawn toward the nonprofits. I wouldn’t say it happened by chance, I’m certain my path was set for me long before I made the distinctive choice to join the world of fundraising full time.”

The Member Spotlight is a recurring segment and we are always looking for new members to highlight. If you are interested in participating or know someone we should interview, please let us know!