

# Brandi Winkleman

**PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**A HOPE, INC - MILTON, FLORIDA**

BIO

Brandi Winkleman is a mom of two adopted daughters and lover of all animals. She began this dream of opening a spay/neuter clinic back in 2014 when she was working as a volunteer at Santa Rosa County Animal Services. Daily, she would see many animals euthanized due to limited space, resources, and medical issues.

She was the catalyst which started the transformation of the mindsets in the Florida panhandle by sharing infographics and research on the thousands of animals killed in Santa Rosa County each year. Brandi presented statistics and other pertinent data to the county commissioners in 2018 which led to the lifting of the breed discrimination policies the local shelter had in place. Also in 2018, she engaged the City of Milton officials and created the first ordinance to allow for community cats in a controlled Trap/Neuter/Return program. In 2019, the entire county of Santa Rosa followed suit and became community cat friendly and started saving more lives than ever. In 2020, the Santa Rosa County animal shelter euthanized the last animal just for being pregnant. The greatest show of how the community came together was in 2021, when the statistics showed a complete flip of numbers, now saving over 90% of the animals in their care.

Brandi's team, A HOPE (Animal Health Outreach Prevention Education), has transported over 8,000 animals to be spayed/neutered in a county 2.5 hours away since 2017. They have a Rescue & Rehabilitation program which saves and adopts out over 500 animals each year.

Brandi is a major advocate for all animals yet her passion is in fancy rats and neonate kittens. Each year their team rescues and adopts out over 40 rats! Brandi is a Story Corps participant, multi grant recipient, and leader for all topics helping to keep pets in homes. Currently, A HOPE owns 25 acres in Milton, Florida and are building the county's first affordable spay and neuter clinic.



# Paige Cary

**VICE PRESIDENT/PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR  
A HOPE, INC - MILTON, FLORIDA**

## BIO

Paige Cary is a Pensacola native who graduated from the University of West Florida with a degree in communications and marketing.

Paige spent 30 years as a motivated and fast-paced pharmaceutical representative who had to carry additional weight knowing animals were being tested on for some of the products she presented. This is when she decided she would spend the rest of her life saving and protecting animals.

Being a strong advocate for spay and neuter her entire life, and knowing the impact it has on saving animals by preventing health issues and limiting unwanted litters, Paige set out to find a way to get involved in spreading the word.

In 2017, she was reading the local newspaper and trying to find ways she could impact the community as well as connect her skillset and knowledge to her passion. This is when she came across an article featuring A HOPE and their mission on trap, neuter, and return of community cats. Paige felt such a strong connection to the mission and story that she set out to find Brandi Winkleman and introduce herself.

Her story with A HOPE begins during the meeting at the A HOPE booth during Barktoberfest. She met and spoke with Brandi and immediately knew this was where she needed to be.

Now, Paige Cary is the Vice President and Public Relations Director of A HOPE. She has found her calling within the organization and has thrived in an environment where these skills and passion could flourish.



# Beth Davito

**SECRETARY**

**A HOPE, INC - MILTON, FLORIDA**

**BIO**

Beth Davito serves as the Secretary for A HOPE, bringing a wealth of experience in administrative and legal support. Known for her exceptional organizational skills and unwavering reliability, Beth's career was built on being a "paper pusher" who leads by example. Her attention to detail and dedication make her a valuable asset to the team, especially in her role behind the keyboard.

Beth's passion for helping others has been a lifelong calling. She has volunteered for numerous animal-related nonprofits both in Illinois and Florida, as well as with the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program, where she provided transportation for patients undergoing treatment—even after facing her own cancer journey. Her empathy and drive to assist wherever needed are deeply rooted in her nature.

Beth's connection to A HOPE began at its very first meeting, where she immediately aligned with its mission to serve animals and their caretakers. Since then, she has contributed in countless ways—whether educating others about A HOPE, supporting the organization through her administrative expertise, or inspiring people in her community to get involved. Her pride in A HOPE has even extended beyond state lines, where her enthusiasm has drawn attention to the organization from animal lovers in Illinois.

A true advocate for the voiceless, Beth is passionate about nature and wildlife, with a newfound love for crows and a deep connection to the natural world. Her unwavering compassion for animals and her belief in A HOPE's mission continue to inspire those around her.

Beth is excited about the future of A HOPE and the opportunities it will bring for a new generation of passionate animal advocates. Her dedication and heartfelt contributions are a testament to her belief in creating a brighter future for animals and the people who care for them.



# Jon Green

**TREASURER, CFO, ACCOUNTING TEAM DIRECTOR  
A HOPE, INC - MILTON, FLORIDA**

## BIO

Jon Green is a former naval aviator and retired business executive from California. He is married with a daughter, two stepchildren and three granddaughters. He received a degree in Psychology from UCSB and after graduation entered the US Navy flight training program. Upon completion of active duty, he transferred to the naval reserve and obtained an MBA from Santa Clara University. He then worked for the public accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand to obtain his California CPA certificate. Having a strong desire to work in operations and a well-established background stemming from his time in the navy, he worked his way through a number of Silicon Valley companies, primarily in the digital test and measurement equipment industry, in positions from Controller to VP Finance, VP Manufacturing and ultimately COO.

As a member of the naval reserve, he was assigned to a squadron attached to one of the two tactical reserve air wings in the US Navy, eventually screening for command to become its commanding officer. He completed his navy career as commanding officer of the reserve component of the Naval Strike Warfare Center in Fallon, NV.

His volunteer activities for animal welfare organizations started in California where he began by assisting his wife, primarily with transport and adoption events, in her various volunteer functions for CARE and Toy Breed Rescue in San Jose, CA. Because of his lifelong love of pets and an inability to say no, along with the free time available after his naval service, his commitment to animal welfare became a duty which he has tried to fulfill ever since. After retiring to Florida, he volunteered for Animal Allies Florida for a number of years before being introduced to A HOPE in 2020 by his sister who was its volunteer coordinator. His background in finance complemented A HOPE's need at the time to upgrade its financial systems and he was made treasurer shortly thereafter.

# Tara Deaguilera

**SHELTER LIAISON**  
**A HOPE, INC - MILTON, FLORIDA**

## BIO

Tara Deaguilera serves as the Shelter Liaison for A HOPE, bringing a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to animal welfare. Her career began in the veterinary field before transitioning to shelter work, where she has thrived in various roles. Currently, she is the Volunteer Coordinator for Santa Rosa County Animal Services (SRCAS), managing adoption-focused community events, and rescue coordination. Tara is also instrumental in securing critical funding for SRCAS, including multiple grants from Petco Love and Florida Animal Friend.

Tara holds certifications in Fear Free Training and as a Euthanasia Technician (ET), and she has completed the Best Friends Animal Society mentorship program for grant writing. Her dedication to education shines through in her work with annual school animal education programs, where she inspires the next generation to care for animals and their community.

In addition to her professional contributions, Tara has a history of leadership as a former board member of the Pensacola Roller Gurlz, a local roller derby team, and as a current member of Friends of SRCAS. She is passionate about addressing pet overpopulation by promoting affordable spay/neuter services and empowering pet owners to be part of the solution.

At home, Tara enjoys the company of her rescue dogs—Petunia the Mastiff and Jake the Rottweiler—and frequently fosters animals, embracing the delightful chaos they bring.

Tara is honored to have witnessed A HOPE's evolution, from its beginnings as a small idea to a transformative force in animal welfare. She is excited to support its mission and looks forward to the lasting impact it will have on the future of animals in the community.

# Morgan Halley, DVM

**LEAD VETERINARIAN**

**A HOPE, INC - MILTON, FLORIDA**

## BIO

Dr. Morgan Halley ("Dr. Mo") brings over a decade of expertise in shelter medicine and spay/neuter surgery to her new role. Her journey in animal care began at just 21 years old as a wildlife rehabilitation volunteer at the Peninsula Humane Society in the California Bay Area. This early experience fostered her lifelong appreciation for wildlife, especially squirrels, songbirds, owls, and swifts.

Dr. Halley expanded her focus to small animal medicine and surgery while attending veterinary school at UC Davis, where she collaborated with several TNR and low-income veterinary programs serving the Sacramento and Davis communities. Since graduating, she has worked with three animal shelters in the Southeast and served as a county veterinarian in two states. She has a passion for high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN), population health, and soft tissue surgery.

Beyond her professional work, Dr. Halley has a rich array of interests. A self-proclaimed "microbe monarch," she enjoys crafting sourdough, brewing kombucha, and exploring the art of fermentation. She and her wife share their home with three dogs, guinea pigs, bees, ducks, and chickens, along with numerous symbiotic colonies of yeast and bacteria. Dr. Halley also has a love for gardening, classical and jazz piano (with over 25 years of experience), and dancing styles like swing, salsa, and rumba. When she's not pursuing her hobbies, she's hard at work restoring a 120-year-old bungalow with historic precision.

Now calling the Gulf Coast home, Dr. Halley is thrilled to join A HOPE and contribute to its mission of expanding access to affordable, high-quality veterinary care in this vibrant and deserving community.

# Nancy Way

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**  
**A HOPE, INC - MILTON, FLORIDA**

BIO

Nancy Way began her journey with A HOPE in January 2021 and became the Volunteer Coordinator in 2023. Her dedication to the organization includes roles as a foster mom, working on mass trapping cases, assisting with transports, events, fundraising, and intake processes.

Before joining A HOPE, Nancy volunteered with Panhandle Equine Rescue, Inc., serving as the Treasurer on the Board of Directors for four years. She has always had a passion for saving the lives of animals and is committed to improving their well-being.

Nancy has a deep empathy for the neediest animals and is determined to make the world a better place for them and their caretakers. She believes that educating the community and providing access to affordable spay/neuter options will be a transformative force in the region. Nancy sees the opening of the A HOPE clinic as the start of many impactful programs that will grow from this initiative. As Volunteer Coordinator, she is thrilled to inspire volunteers to create meaningful change in the lives of animals.

Outside of her work with A HOPE, Nancy is a proud mom to two rescue dogs and six rescue cats, one of which is an A HOPE foster fail. She enjoys the beach, tennis, and cherishing moments with her grandkids, friends, and loved ones. Nancy finds joy in spreading smiles and positivity.

Nancy is excited to serve on the Board of Directors because she wholeheartedly believes in A HOPE's mission. She sees the clinic, alongside the passion of our volunteers, as just the beginning of the lasting impact we can have on the community.

