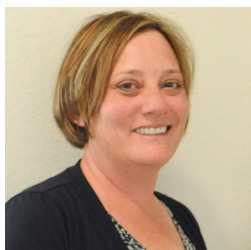




BOARD OF DIRECTORS

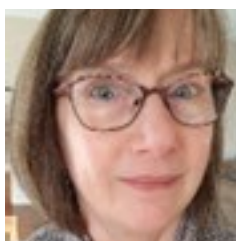
The Annie & Millie's Place leadership team brings together experts who possess the academic knowledge, professional expertise, and personal compassion to tackle the multi-faceted, complex problems facing people experiencing homelessness and their animal companions. The challenges of being unhoused, access to housing, mental health obstacles and other societal dilemmas lead to even greater barriers for those facing poverty and homelessness who are caring for and dependent upon their support and companion animals. Annie & Millie's Place Board is a collection of bright minds who work to advocate for long-lasting solutions which support people staying together with their furry family and nurturing the human-animal bond in circumstances of homelessness.



BOARD MEMBER: LIESL BEGNAUD (she/her)

EXPERTISE: INCLUSION, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES

Liesl brings extensive experience having worked in the affordable housing, homelessness, marginalized populations, and behavior health sector. Past roles include positions with Samaritan House Homeless Shelter, Boulder Homeless Shelter, St. Francis Day Shelter, Adams County Community Outreach and SAND Rental Assistance Program, Denver. Her background includes homeless population programming experience at HOPE Mentoring Program and at the HOME Alliance and Homeless Prevention Coalition where she built partnerships and collaborations with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Catholic Charities, Metro Care Ring and Jewish Family Services. Liesl has served on the board of a variety of charities focusing on the issues of homelessness including a role on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative, Continuum of Care. Liesl also has extensive expertise working in the adaptive and inclusion recreational category and served as the Interim Sports Director for the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Liesl is a consecrated Deaconess and as served at several congregations, primarily working with families living in poverty and experiencing hunger and housing instability. Liesl has a M.A. in Social Work from the University of Denver, a M.T.R. from SUNY (State University of New York-Cortland) and a B.A. in Social Work from Valparaiso University in Indiana. Liesl is pet parent to Bert the cat.



BOARD MEMBER: LESLIE IRVINE (she/her)

EXPERTISE: AUTHOR, LECTURER & PROFESSOR - ANIMALS & SOCIETY, EXPERT ON PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS & THEIR PETS

Leslie is an expert in homeless people and their pets. As the author of countless books, peer-reviewed articles, reports and research papers, her insights into the multi-dimensional problem of those facing homelessness and their pets is invaluable. Leslie's research on animal sheltering, animal abuse, animals in popular culture, animal selfhood, women in veterinary medicine, and other topics appears in journals and edited volumes. She has earned many awards and is a sought-after expert on the complex causes, challenges and solutions facing those who are homeless with pets. She is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she directs the Animals and Society Certificate Program. Leslie's involvement with Annie and Millie's Place stems from the research she did for her book, *My Dog Always Eats First: Homeless People and their Animals*. Her interest in the vulnerability of animals and people also motivated her research in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina which led to her book, *Filling the Ark: Animal Welfare in Disasters*. She also authored, *If You Tame Me: Understanding our Connection with Animals*, and co-authored *Regarding Animals*, as well as several other titles. Leslie has a Ph.D. in Sociology from SUNY (State University of New York - Stonybrook), M.A in Sociology and a B.A. in Art History both from Florida Atlantic University. She is a pet-parent to an evolving number of dogs and cats. Leslie resides in Longmont, CO.



BOARD MEMBER: LAUREN LONEY (she/her)

EXPERTISE: LAW/PUBLIC POLICY, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS/LOBBYING, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Lauren Loney is the Staff Attorney & Policy Specialist for American Pets Alive! and the Human Animal Support Services project. She has more than seven years of experience crafting policies and lobbying on a variety of issues at local, state, and federal levels. Lauren also was the Texas State Director for the Humane Society of the United States. Lauren previously worked in affordable housing and environmental justice movements and now works to undo the traditional siloing of human and animal policy advocacy efforts. She has co-authored several publications and has given more than a dozen presentations on the intersection between animal welfare and housing justice. At AmPA!/HASS, Lauren works with animal shelters across the country to remove legal barriers to creating more equitable and community-focused animal sheltering programming and policies, and to protect the bonds between people and their pets, regardless of income level. She also leads the organizations' housing reform research and initiatives, and serves as a staff attorney across the organization and affiliates. Lauren received her B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Mizzou and M.S. in Aquatic Resources from Texas State University. She graduated with Honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 2017 where she was on the Executive Boards of the Animal Law and Environmental Law Societies. In her spare time she goes backpacking in the mountains and loves to trail run and hike, usually with her dogs, Daffodil and Ranger.



BOARD MEMBER: SENTA VAGLE (she/her)

EXPERTISE: RESOURCING, NONPROFIT COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTING, PET FOSTERING

Senta has over 30 years working in non-profits. Her previous experience includes working with foster children in Knox County, TN. She has also worked with low income families connecting them to community resources. In more recent years, Senta has started working “behind the scenes” in non-profits, providing oversight to ensure regulatory compliance as well as ensuring documentation and record keeping are complete and accurate. Senta is also an active volunteer in the Longmont community volunteering with the Boulder County Area Agency on Aging. She is a long-time volunteer for the Longmont Humane Society foster animal program, including their safe keep program which provides temporary housing for owned animals whose people are experiencing a crisis. She estimates that she has had over 75 foster animals pass through her house. Senta earned a B.A. in Psychology from Valparaiso University. She currently is pet-parent to two dogs and two cats, but that number changes with foster placements weekly.



BOARD MEMBER: ALLI LEVINE (she/her)

EXPERTISE: MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR, FOCUS IN TRAUMA & ADDICTION, HANDS ON WORK WITH THE UNHOUSED POPULATION AND MANDATED CLIENTS.

Alli brings extensive knowledge in mental health, diagnostic assessments, addiction treatment, and the body population of mandated clientele. Alli has worked in two different DOC facilities, community mental health, parole and probation. She has advocated for clients by testifying at the capitol and participating in lobby days with legislatures. Alli received a BA from University of Colorado Boulder and Master's in clinical counseling from Regis University. She is currently a licensed practicing counselor (LPC) and working towards her license in addictions counseling (LAC). Alli is a dog mom to Marvin & Nellie.



BOARD MEMBER: SABRINA MOLUND (she/her)

EXPERTISE: ACCOUNTING & BOOKKEEPING, MANAGING BUSINESS RELATIONS

Sabrina brings 31 years of bookkeeping experience, 23 years of which as the co-owner of a Front Range construction company. During her tenure as a business owner, she helped scale the company with focus on building strong relationships and sound accounting principles. As a member of the Colorado community, she has been a volunteer with the OUR Center and a member of the Left Hand Giving Circle for the past five years. As a board member of Annie & Millie's Place, Sabrina is excited to use her prior professional experiences to help bring support to people and their pets during homelessness. Sabrina is pet parent to dog Jayli.

OUR GUIDING VISION

“I am welcomed as I am with all that I bring with me, including my dog, who is giving me the love I need right now.”

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