



**Michele E. Benson**  
**Fundraising Professional**

Michele E. Benson has served as the Chief Development Officer for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula and the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank where she oversaw all fundraising, marketing, and public relations.

Before nonprofit work, Michele excelled in sales and marketing for various local media outlets including 106.9 FM The Fox and WAVY TV 10/FOX 43 WVBT, where she successfully managed millions of dollars in accounts annually. Her enthusiasm for people, passion for helping others, and building strong relationships were keys to her success.

Michele is a Hampton native and a graduate of James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications and a minor in French. She gives back to the community as a member of the Citizens Engagement Advisory and Review Commission for the City of Hampton and the Hampton Exchange Club, and is a member of First United Methodist Church in Downtown Hampton.

In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, dancing, playing golf, and spending time with her husband and their two rescue chihuahuas, Emma and Rocco.