



**Michele E. Benson**  
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Michele E. Benson is the Chief Development Officer for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula where she oversees all fundraising, marketing, and public relations. Prior to that, she worked at the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank where she began in June 2011 as the Food Sourcing Manager, and was promoted in January 2014, serving as their Chief Development Officer.

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 and building relationships was key to her success and she brings that passion to her work today.

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 Downtown 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 two rescue chihuahuas, Emma and Rocco.