Growing up right outside of Philadelphia, it was an easy decision when Cathy Sterba agreed to move with her husband to the sunshine state to escape the endless cold. There, Cathy has worked in the banking industry around Orlando for more than 30 years, starting as a management trainee at Barnett Bank, and now working as the CRA Officer, Fair Lending Officer, and Strategic Risk Officer for Seaside National Bank & Trust.

Cathy not only graduated from Wake Forest University with a BS in mathematical economics, but she met her husband there as well. They have been married for over 30 years and have two grown sons. The two make a conscious effort to visit college friends at least once a year with a trip to Winston-Salem for fun, or, in the fall, to get a little taste of cold weather and football. Cathy loves to travel and loves the excitement that comes with planning their next trip. She is also very active and will find any excuse to be outside, whether it be golfing, biking, gardening, or simply walking to the neighborhood Starbucks.

Aside from her work within the banking industry, Cathy is a founding and current board member of A Gift For Teaching (AGFT). AGFT was founded in 1998, and its mission is to provide free school supplies to teachers that serve in schools around the Orlando area. AGFT accepts donations so they can provide basic supplies such as pencils, paper and notebooks, and they also even recycle items such as laptops, keyboards, and other computer equipment and electronics. When her two children were younger, Cathy continued to stay involved and served on numerous school board committees including the School Advisory Council (SAC) and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). She also partnered with Healthy Central Florida (HCF), where they are working to transform their community into the healthiest in the nation by promoting individuals to get moving more, and to simply enjoy a more lively, energized lifestyle.

Cathy doesn’t plan on slowing down anytime soon – she joined the AAA Scholarship Foundation in 2017 and serves as a very important role on the Bank Advisory Board. Cathy is ecstatic to work with a group of people that all have the same goal – helping children receive educational opportunity. It’s safe to say the world could use more people like Cathy!