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Hey, there! I'm the Vice President of Programs and Services at Pasadena Humane and currently oversee the Animal Control, Community Programs, and Admissions and Placement departments. I joined Pasadena Humane in 2015 as the Volunteer Services Manager. Since then, I've taken on a variety of leadership roles in which I developed and directed a new outreach department, as well as managed intake, community cat, pet safety net, and humane education programming. Since joining Pasadena Humane, I've been dedicated to learning by earning professional certifications, participating in the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Capacity for Care Bootcamp, and joining the eight-member NACA Culture and Collaboration Council. In January 2022, I'll start the Paralegal Studies Program at UC San Diego and am eager to learn skills to help affect progressive change in animal welfare.

I got my start in animal welfare in Kitwe, Zambia where I led community programs for a shelter, doing outreach and working with local government to conduct mass rabies vaccination drives. It was in Zambia that I realized my calling to support the human-animal bond and keep more animals in their homes, wherever their homes may be. I look forward to connecting with other animal welfare professionals who envision a model of animal sheltering that leads with choice, community, and love. In my free time, I volunteer with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, hike, and travel to Zambia. My husband and I are companions of five dogs: Tula, Bubba, Mama, Coco, and Brownie.