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tailored workplace solutions. Over twenty years later SSI is 200+ people strong with offices in Newport Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego, Seattle and Spokane, and boasting a diverse range of clientele like Allergan, Microsoft, Netflix, Mazda, and Hoag. Smith's mantra is not only ingrained within each of her offices but serves as the guiding principle for every operational and cultural decision made throughout the firm.

#### **Anna Song, Director of development**

*Orange County Rescue Mission, Tustin*

Anna Song joined Orange County Rescue Mission as a development manager for the teen shelter program, Laurel House, in 2014. Within two years, she was promoted to director of Development for the Rescue Mission. Since that time, she has effectively re-built a robust development department with a commitment to high performance and healthy, cohesive team dynamics. Within her first six months as director, she secured a six-figure gift from a new donor. Sing has successfully launched a new major gifts program, two collaborative golf tournaments, and a now completed two-year capital campaign for a teen boys shelter. Her greatest joy and accomplishment, though, is being able to be a small part of how lives are being restored and transformed from brokenness and homelessness to wholeness and self-sufficiency through the work of Orange County Rescue Mission.



#### **Jessica Spaulding, President**

*The Spaulding Agency, Aliso Viejo*

Jessica Spaulding launched The Spaulding Agency in 2009 to provide a nimble high level of public relations and marketing services for the commercial real estate industry and public sector. This year marks 10 years in business. Over that time, she is proud to have represented many of her clients for almost 10 years. Those longstanding relationships have been the result of quality service and strategic planning that impacts business success. Her work has included the development of the San Bernardino County State of the County that achieved a record attendance along with thought leadership on behalf of leading OC cities, serving as an agency of record for NAIOP SoCal and providing pr work with national commercial real estate firms across numerous disciplines. Spaulding continues to grow the firm and has continued to provide multi-layered communications strategies that include media relations, website development and social media.



their wealth to meet their lifetime and legacy goals. Prior to joining Beacon Pointe Advisors, Stevens practiced as an estate planning attorney at Albrecht and Barney and served as the Director of Estate Planning for Pacific Life Insurance Company. She earned her Juris Doctor from Pepperdine University School of Law, her BA in Economics from the University of California at Irvine, is a member of the State Bar of California and an Investment Advisor Representative (Series 65). She has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, US News & World Report, The Street, Financial Advisor IQ, The National Financial Educators Council, The Journal of Practical Estate Planning and The University of California, Irvine's Wealth Management Frontier Journal.

#### **Autumn Strier, Co-Founder/CEO/President – Board of Directors**

*Miracles for Kids, Tustin*

Autumn Strier is the co-founder & CEO of Miracles for Kids and the president of its Board of Directors. For the last 15+ years, Strier has dedicated her life to serving the needs of over 1,000 low-income families with children battling over 100 life-threatening illnesses throughout Southern California and beyond. As the chief architect of all programs and events, Strier oversees the execution of critically-needed multi-year support constructed to keep families stable in times of crises - monthly financial aid, subsidized housing, therapy, wellness, food and basic needs delivery. She works tirelessly to raise funds and build meaningful partnerships, focused on reducing costs and maximizing mission delivery. Under Strier's leadership and as its chief fundraiser, Miracles has raised over \$20 million to date. Her tireless work ethic has resulted in Miracles' ability to serve those in need with great success, with a laser focus on growing to do more.



#### **Mary-Christine "M.C." Sungaila, Partner**

*Haynes and Boone LLP, Costa Mesa*

Since joining Haynes and Boone in 2015, M.C. Sungaila's track record as an outstanding appellate lawyer has raised the law firm's profile in California. Sungaila, a partner in Haynes and Boone's Orange County office and anchor of the firm's California appellate practice, has briefed and argued appeals raising cutting-edge and core business issues, and helped secure important rights for women and girls nationally and internationally. Sungaila has repeatedly been named one of California's Top 100

