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Stefan began her fundraising career as a volunteer in Santa Fe, New Mexico while working as the Director of Sales and Marketing for Frank Howell, Inc. and Santa Fe Fine Arts Publishing, Ltd. During that time, she got involved in charities and began raising money for the Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center, Futures for Children, and March of Dimes. In 1995, Stefan moved to Kansas City, Missouri where she began her professional fundraising career as the Events Director for the Kansas City Boys & Girls Clubs.

In 1998, she moved to Phoenix where she spent 20 months working for HomeBase Youth Services before getting recruited for the Executive Director position at Mail Boxes Etc. We Deliver Dreams Foundation in San Diego. Stefan spent the next nine years in San Diego where she held two other positions: Capital Campaign Director for the Monarch School for homeless youth, and CEO for Walden Family Services, a foster family agency serving special needs and medically fragile children.

Stefan moved back to Phoenix in December 2009 to work for Phoenix Children's Hospital where she combines her two passions – raising money for charity and raising awareness for kidney transplantation. Since returning, she has joined the boards of directors of Upward for Children and Families and the National Kidney Foundation of Arizona. Additionally, she is a member of Westmarc, the Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce, West Valley Women, and Phoenix Rotary 100.

Stefan received her B.A. from the University of Colorado, Denver in Political Science with a minor in German, and her master's in Public Administration with an emphasis in Non-Profit Management from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.