



Executive Biographies

Robert (Bob) Tarozzi, Chairman / President and Co-founder

Bob Tarozzi is the Chairman / President and cofounder of the White Kitty Foundation. Bob was born in Springfield, MA and despite leaving there when he was five, still considers himself a New Englander. Bob traveled the country in both his formative years, and as an adult, until 1997 when he and his wife, Cris, relocated to Walnut Creek, CA. Bob is a lawyer by training and an insurance claims manager by profession, as well as a part-time semi-professional dog walker. Bob's legal training and experience has resulted in his being the "behind the scenes technician" while Cris is the voice of the Foundation.

Cris Tarozzi, Vice President and Co-founder

Cris grew up in Orange County surrounded by orange groves and strawberry fields. Surprisingly, the only pets she ever had as an adult were a fish and a parakeet. Only after she met her husband Bob, did she begin her love of animals. All of her life she disliked cats until she met Fred. Fred was the greatest of all cats and there hasn't been nor will there ever be another one like him. He not only became her pet, he became her teacher. Cris soon learned to observe his every move, to understand what his needs were and to realize just how smart an animal could be. After Fred's passing she devoted herself to her three dogs and to Mc Daniel, her first rescue cat. Trying to deal with the pain of losing one of her best friends was a tremendous task. Thus began the rescuing of a momma cat and her two remaining kittens just a week after Fred's passing. Years later and many cat rescues later, Cris lost Lady, her beloved Beagle of 10 short years; still not sure how to deal with another tremendous loss, she continued taking care of neighborhood cats. After the tragic and unnecessary death of a neighborhood cat, she realized that she wanted to be the voice of animals that couldn't be heard. Along with her husband, Bob, Cris formed the White Kitty Foundation, which has become her greatest passion. Although not every step is a success and many tears have been shed along the way, this is truly where Cris wants and needs to be. Fred laid out the path for her, Lady nudged her along the way and all of the others walk by her side.

Matt Macomber, Treasurer

Matt Macomber is the Executive Vice President of Internet Channel Banking at Bank of the West in Walnut Creek. In that capacity, he manages all online banking efforts for the bank. Prior to joining Bank of the West, he was Senior Vice President of eCommerce at Washington Mutual, where he spent almost eight years. Matt currently serves as the Treasurer of the White Kitty Foundation, and is a long time friend of the founders, Cris and Bob Tarozzi, whom he met while, doing what else, walking their dogs. While not working, he can typically be found carting one of his three daughters around, working in the yard, or taking an escape to the Napa Valley. Matt resides in Walnut Creek, CA where he has lived with his family for more than eleven years.

Sol Henik

Sol Henik graduated from San Diego State University with a degree in Social Science in 1999, and earned a Masters of Science in Education Leadership from Hayward State (now known as California State University of the East Bay) in 2005. Sol has been a resident of Walnut Creek, CA for seven years. He is a high school teacher at Prospect High School in the Mt. Diablo Unified



School District. He teaches at-risk youth, English, Algebra and American Government. He hopes to apply his caring personality to help the White Kitty Foundation further the quality of life of the animals in our community.

Cindy Hall, Board Member

Cindy grew up in Clayton and has raised her two children in Walnut Creek. She has been in Law enforcement for 27 years. She became involved in the White Kitty Foundation as a volunteer when her daughter became close friends with Cris Tarozzi. Her daughter convinced her to attend the weekly adoption sites so she could help out with the animals. Her daughter also volunteers her time walking dogs with Cris and Bob and her son helps bathe the dogs on occasion. Their family has two German shepherds (one who was adopted from the White Kitty Foundation) and two rescued cats.