

Teri Smiley, Owner of Starfish Partnerships, LLC has had a career at the Walton Chamber of Commerce serving as President for just over 29 years. She started Starfish Partnerships, LLC in 2020 and officially launched in late 2022. The name inspired from an Alex and Ani bracelet featuring a Starfish emblem. The card with the bracelet read “The starfish is a resilient creature that constantly regenerates, intuitively navigates the sea and directly impacts its ecological community.”

Just like the Starfish, we must have the intuition and attentiveness to lead ourselves and those around us. Leadership demands resilience, continuous personal and team development and growth. It is imperative that we dedicate time for this development.

Experience & Skillsets Include: 29+Years as President of a local chamber, Gallup Certified Clifton Strengths Coach, Certified John Maxwell Team Member, Team Building & Facilitation, Leadership Training and Management, Coaching & Consulting.

She is Past Chair of the Board of Regents of US Chamber Institute, Past Chair of the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (GACCE), a Georgia Certified Chamber Executive and one of her greatest honors, GACCE Executive of the Year Recipient in 2015.

The mission of Starfish Partnerships is to make a difference in the lives of others, one person and one group at a time. Through Starfish Partnerships, Teri offers leadership and personal development training, Clifton Strengths workshops, speaking and retreat facilitation for boards, staff and leadership groups.

Teri is married to Kenny Smiley, has 3 adult children, 4 beautiful granddaughters, and a super cute grandson. The oldest granddaughter, Cali, has been with Teri and Kenny since birth and is now a bonus daughter after Kenny & Teri adopted her. In Teri's spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, learning, training, walking and traveling.