

Stefani Schaefer returned to the station where she began her career – WJW Fox 8. Stefani first started at Fox 8 back in 1992, joined Fox 8 News in the Morning during the last two hours of broadcast 7-10<sup>AM</sup>. Prior to returning back home to Fox 8, Stefani hosted a national network that was broadcasted in Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. For twelve years she taught voice and dance at her family's performing arts center in Alliance, Ohio. Stefani received the Ohio Governor's Choice Award in 1989, and was also awarded the Ohio's Junior Miss/Ohio's Young Woman of the Year in 1989. Stefani and her brother, Thommie, a Recording Artist in California, toured the country with the Bob Hope USO Troupe from 1979 to 1989. She and her brother had their own show at Geauga Lake Amusement Park in 1983 where they sang, danced, and played eight different instruments. They were the youngest seasonal performers at the theme park in the state of Ohio. The brother-sister duo was also the opening act for Barbara Mandrell, Chubby Checker, The Oak Ridge Boys, and Alabama. Stefani is still passionate for music, and remains active today singing the National Anthem for Cleveland sports teams and the Ohio Derby. Stefani has been very involved in festivities surrounding the Canton Hall of Fame. For several years Stefani sang the National Anthem at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Game and performed the opening and closing songs for the Hall of Fame Enshrinement ceremonies in Canton. Besides hosting the Fashion Show and other festivities, Stefani hosted the Hall of Fame Parade national broadcast with Dan Dierdorf.

While attending Mount Union College, Stefani was an All-American Scholar and a national Collegiate Academic Honoree. She graduated one semester early with a degree in communications and journalism. Stefani is an Alliance native and a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas in Louisville and Mount Union College. Stefani was on the cover of Cleveland Magazine's Millennium issue featuring '*Cleveland's Most Interesting People of 2000*' and again on the cover for '*Celebrity Working Mothers*'.

If you ask her, Stefani will tell you that her greatest accomplishment is being a wife to Roger and mom to children Race and Sienna ... the loves of her life! They share a home with several furry members – Gunner 2, Lily, Chuck, Blaster, The Donald, Runt, and recently adopted twin kittens! "*We have a house full and we love every minute of it!*" Stefani has always loved animals and has been rescuing them with her family since she was a little girl. She continues to be passionate and involved in animal rescue efforts.

Dogs Unlimited Rescue Founder and Executive Director, Gina Lutes, and Stefani met on a common mission to raise money for the construction of Rescue Village in Geauga County. For ten years Stefani and Gina have shared in many large projects and efforts to save and improve the lives of the many voiceless animals in desperate need. Their collective and collaborative success in animal rescue will continue together as long as there is a need.