"Bringing about economic equity in community is at the heart of our mission and I am excited to leverage my decades of experience in the financial sector to help achieve this critical mission."

ABOUT

CHAD COOPER

Chad Cooper is a Financial Planner with Gateway Financial Advisors in Land O' Lakes and brings more than 22 years of experience in the financial sector to the CFUL.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Chad received his joint BA in Economics and Sociology/Anthropology from Middlebury College in Vermont in 1995 and he earned his MBA from the University of New Mexico's Anderson School of Management in 2001. From the beginning of his professional career, Chad has always selflessly given of himself to his community.

Prior to moving to Florida, Chad served as the Past-President of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) New Mexico Chapter. In 2021, he was named the NAIFA National Diversity Champion.

In 2022, Chad participated in the bell-ringing ceremony at the NASDAQ Exchange as part of his service to the THRIVE Campaign, national a non-profit movement focused on financial education for women and people of color.

Currently, in addition to his role on the CFUL Board of Directors, he serves in the Wesley Chapel Rotary Club and he is a member of the North Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

Chad is married with two children: Santiago (20) and Amaya (12), Chad's wife, Melita Cooper White, is a volleyball player, coach and teacher.

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