

Our 2021 Campaign Co-Chair, Rhonda Nielsen, DDS, is a sister, wife, dog and cat mom, and grandmother from rural Minnesota. Prior to her move to Port Lavaca, Rhonda received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from MN State University – Mankato, MN, her dental degree from University of MN School of Dentistry and served in the MN Army National Guard where she was enlisted for 15 years as a medic, 8 years commissioned as a dentist, and 2 tours to Iraq. Rhonda retired as a Major after 23 years of service in the MN Army National Guard.

Rhonda moved to Port Lavaca in 2012 where she has been the owner of and dentist at Nielsen Family Dental. Rhonda has served on the United Way of Calhoun County's Board of Directors since 2015, holding previous positions of Chair and Past President and current positions of Secretary and Campaign Co-Chair. Rhonda was voted Port Lavaca Chamber of Commerce woman of the year in 2018. She is also a Port Lavaca Chamber Ambassador, a Rotarian, past President of Guadalupe Valley District Dental Society, VFW lifetime member, American Legion lifetime member, TX Dental Association Member, and American Dental Association member.

Rhonda's hobbies include "quilting, baking, boating, bike riding, camping, reading recipes I never make".