



Stephanie Luh, CFA, Named December Volunteer of the Month



It was kind of natural that Stephanie Luh would found and chair the CFALA Women's Group.

“I went to an all-girls high school and a women’s college (Wellesley), and both environments were always very empowering,” she recalled. “Our teachers always instilled in us that we could achieve any goal we wanted if we worked hard for it. So I wanted to help

create that same supportive environment within CFALA.”

Luh, who joined CFALA after receiving her charter in 2009, also has volunteered as a mentor for Level One candidates, participated as a panelist at the Career Development Expo, and worked on the CFALA annual golf tournament.

“Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to the CFA Institute and the Los Angeles chapter, as well as a good way to meet people in our industry,” she said. “Many of the people I’ve met through the society have become great friends of mine.”

According to the CFA Institute, only 18% of CFA charterholders worldwide are women. Many women in the CFALA society have expressed interest in the Women's Group, and Luh wants to increase that 18% statistic.

“Our activities have included a networking happy hour with recruiters and headhunters, a hedge fund presentation, a rifle shooting class, and a dinner event called ‘Battle Hymn of the Working Mother,’ which was about balancing work and family life,” Luh said. “We are also doing a community service event in December at the L.A. Regional Food Bank.”

Luh, Vice President, Assistant Portfolio Manager at Tradewinds Global Investors in Century City, knew early on that she wanted to work in finance. A 2004 summer internship at Kayne Anderson Rudnick in Century City helped her decide which area of finance to pursue.

“I had a great mentor, Bob Schwarzkopf, also a CFA charterholder, who opened up investment management to me. I’ve always felt really lucky and thankful that I’ve met

people who have mentored, encouraged, and helped me so much along the way. I certainly would not be where I am today without them,” Luh said. “Helping others and volunteering have always been a big part of my life. I hope to have a positive impact on others’ lives as well.”