



## Bio - Candius Stearns

An experienced entrepreneur, who realizes small business owners are the backbone of our communities and need simple, cost-effective tools, to run their business.

Candius Stearns received her license as a Health and Life agent from the State of Michigan in 1997. Her career started as a benefit consultant with a managing agent for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan in 1995. In 1998 she focused her training in life, health, annuities, and mutual funds as a Northwestern Mutual Life Agent. In 1999, Candius Stearns founded her own benefit agency DFBenefits designed to support and help small business in the Detroit Tri-County Area.

In 2007, Candius Stearns founded DFB TPA Services LLC a sister company to DFBenefits. The Third Party Administration (TPA) adjudicates claims for Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA), Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and other Section 125 plans. The firm helps clients with compliance related documents like COBRA administration, Summary Plan Descriptions (SPD), and Department Of Labor (DOL) compliance documents.

In 2016 Candius started a travel business Stay Balanced Travel, and combined her group benefits practice with Mason-McBride Corporation (MMC). It is a leading provider of commercial property, casualty and 401k securities. Candius continues to markets her TPA business under the name of DFB with Mason-McBride. Candius consults with business owners and their employees for services like travel, insurance, and HR compliance.

Candius holds a certification from the American College as a Registered Health Underwriter (RHU) as well as the title of Chartered Benefit Consultant (CBC). Candius is a member of American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) and National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU). She previously held a board position of the local MDAHU chapter as well as sat on the.

She's held positions as an Executive Committee member for the Metro Detroit Association of Health Underwriters (MDAHU), National Board of Trustees for HUPAC, Macomb County GOP, and treasurer of the 9<sup>th</sup> GOP district.

In October of 2017, Candius announced her candidacy to run for the Michigan Congressional 9<sup>th</sup> District. She is passionate about serving the community by fixing issues with our current healthcare system and fostering training of more skilled trade workers in the Michigan 9<sup>th</sup> District.

The most important aspect of Candius' life is her partner and husband, Christopher Stearns along with their two children, Samuel (14) and David (10). Activities they enjoy together include Cross Fit, wine tasting, and travel. As a family they are involved in their local Orthodox Church. Candius serves in her church as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism teacher. She has a passion for several charities which include Promise Village Home for Children, Compassion International, and Mission 22.