

Clayton Wood

C. B. Wood Financial LLC, Managing Partner

AGE: 26

WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Findlay, Ohio

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHARLOTTE AREA?

4 Years

TELL US A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU?

Clayton Wood was born and raised in Findlay, Ohio. After graduating from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and specializing in Sales and Finance, Clayton moved to Charlotte to work with Vanguard on their Business Development team. During his time at Vanguard, he was able to earn his Certified Financial Planner™ designation. Now, Clayton is the Managing Partner of C. B. Wood Financial LLC; consulting businesses with 50-1000 employees on the restructuring of their employee benefit supply chains to turn the operating expense into increased value of the business.

In his personal life, he enjoys boating on the weekends, watching football, and being with friends and family. Clayton now resides in Belmont, NC with his Fiancé, Audrey, and yellow Labrador, Olive.

DURING YOUR TIME VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY OR PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT?

Clayton has been a part of numerous non-profit organizations in the Charlotte community: Charlotte Uptown and Belmont Rotary, Guys with Ties, and the Gaston County Jaycee's, to name a few. His most memorable moment was the partnership developed between Guys with Ties and the Mitchell's Fund to raise money at multiple events throughout the year to cover expenses like mortgages, utility bills, funeral expenses, counseling services, etc. for families in the hospital for life-threatening illnesses to give the family support and relief so that the parents can focus on caring for their sick child.

IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY? PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AS YOU CAN.

Clayton contributes to the community from his business and his involvement in multiple organizations. Through C. B. Wood Financial LLC, he strategically decreases the operating expenses of a company, so that they can reinvest it back into the business. With the money he is able to save, many of Clayton's clients hire more employees, invest in marketing, purchase more raw material, etc. to grow their business in Charlotte and the surrounding communities. The organizations that Clayton is involved in are centered around supporting the local communities. For example, in Rotary we are raising money for multiple organizations and giving local charities and businesses a platform to grow their causes.

PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

- Certified Financial Planner™
- Trustmark Small Business Benefits- Case Study
- Virtue Health Consortium Hunters Club

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OR INTEREST?

Boating, Watching Sports, Church, Being with Friends and Family

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE THAT YOU STAND BY?

"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't – you're right." – Henry Ford

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS? 10 YEARS?

In 5 years, Clayton will have a growing business working with companies in and outside of the Carolinas. He will have finished the opening of his family foundation to support the development of children in leadership and faith. Clayton will have started his family with his now wife, Audrey.

In 10 years, Clayton will not only have his growing business, but also ventured into other investments like commercial and residential real estate. His business will have gone upstream to work with companies over 1000 employees. Clayton's family foundation will have reached a goal of donating \$50,000 per year. He and his wife will enjoy raising their children and supporting them in their extracurricular activities.

CAN YOU SHARE ONE THING THAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

Travel to Europe

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU USED YOUR PASSPORT?

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in 2016

WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF THAT NO ONE KNOWS?

I can complete a Rubik's Cube in under a minute.

WHO IS YOUR HERO?

My Mom!

WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

Breaking Through the Status Quo by Nelson Griswold

WHAT WAS THE LAST MOVIE YOU SAW?

Space Jam: A New Legacy

WHAT WAS THE LAST CONCERT YOU SAW?

Thomas Rhett

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