Ami Taubenfeld was born and raised in Baltimore and had a successful career working in sales and marketing in the hospitality industry in Baltimore. When her daughter was diagnosed with autism at the age of five, she left the business to focus on her daughter’s needs. In 2007, Ami joined a group of nine parents and professionals who were interested in researching best practices for support for adults with autism spectrum disorder. After looking at every agency in Maryland and five surrounding states, the group determined that they would need to create and open their own agency to fill the tremendous gap in services for this population. In 2011, Ami joined Itineris as Executive Director where she continues in that role today. Ami is responsible for overseeing this model agency’s administrative and financial functions, implementing strategic plan goals and managing the agency’s growth. Ami has led to her amazing team to be a leading voice for adult autism services locally and around the country. She now spends a great deal of her time paying forward the experience and knowledge she has gained over the past ten years to help other families and agencies support adults with autism. Ami has been named to the Maryland Daily Record's Top 100 women in 2014 and again in 2016 as well as one of the Daily Record’s Most Admired CEO’s in 2018.

Katie Vester has been with Itineris for 6 years, beginning as a Direct Support Professional working directly with adults on the autism spectrum supporting them at work and in the community. She was quickly promoted to our Behavior Associate focusing on programmatic integrity and training. But her passion was connecting individuals with employment opportunities. She became our Employment Director. Katie leads our workforce development team consisting of four Employment Specialists, an Employment Coordinator, two Job Developers and a community coordinator. Katie’s team is responsible for over 70% of our Itineris adults being employed in competitive, integrated employment, compared to the national average of 25% of adults with autism being employed. She received her degree from Penn State with a bachelor’s in Criminal Justice and two minors; one in Sociology and one in Human Development and Family Studies. Katie is passionate about creating new opportunities for individuals with autism as well as sharing both successes and lessons with those who recognize the many benefits of a creating a neurodiverse workforce. She sits on the Quality Assurance and Admissions Committee’s at Itineris.