



# Stephanie Stranko

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## SHORT BIO

Stephanie Stranko is the Founder and CEO of Ikwe.ai, where she is building the EQ Safety Benchmark, the first independent, third-party standard for how AI responds to people in emotional distress. Based in Des Moines, Iowa, she writes widely on behavioral AI safety, regulation, and the realities of building a category that does not exist yet.

## LONG BIO

Stephanie Stranko is the Founder and CEO of Ikwe.ai (legal entity Visible Healing Inc.), an independent behavioral AI safety company based in Des Moines, Iowa. Ikwe builds the EQ Safety Benchmark, a clinically grounded standard that measures how AI behaves with people in their hardest moments. Not toxicity, not jailbreaks, but whether the person is left better or worse after the interaction.

The benchmark grew out of eighteen months of original research and is built on a patent-pending method spanning eight behavioral dimensions. Ikwe gives buyers, insurers, and regulators a way to verify behavioral safety instead of taking it on faith, at a moment when AI is talking to vulnerable people at scale and the law is beginning to require proof. The company is part of the G2M accelerator.

Stephanie writes regularly about the gap between sounding safe and being safe, why regulation is the missing layer in AI, and what it takes to build something honest under pressure as a founder.

## FAST FACTS

### ROLE

Founder & CEO

### COMPANY

Ikwe.ai · Visible Healing Inc.

### BASED IN

Des Moines, Iowa

### FOCUS

Behavioral AI safety · EQ Safety Benchmark

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