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What is your education/career background?

My professional background has been shaped by experiences in education, hospitality, and customer service. Most recently, I worked at Pentwater Schools, where I provided classroom support and helped create an encouraging and organized learning environment for both students and staff.

I have also served as a hospitality supervisor at Lake Michigan Family Campground, where I coordinated guest services, managed staff, and helped ensure smooth day-to-day operations during the busy camping season. These roles have strengthened my organizational skills, attention to detail, and passion for helping others.

In addition, I am fluent in Spanish, a skill I developed through extensive time living abroad. This experience broadened my perspective, deepened my appreciation for different cultures, and enhanced my ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds.

What are you looking forward to at the foundation?

I am honored to join the Oceana Community Foundation and support its mission of strengthening our communities. I look forward to working with donors, nonprofit partners, and community members while helping ensure the Foundation's work is carried out efficiently and effectively.

I am especially excited to be part of an organization that invests in people and creates opportunities that make a lasting difference throughout Oceana County. Every day brings the chance to contribute to meaningful work, and I am grateful to be part of that effort.

What do you love about Oceana County?

Oceana County has always felt like home. I love the strong sense of community, the natural beauty of our area, and the way people come together to support one another.

From the shores of Lake Michigan to our small towns and local businesses, there is a special character here that makes Oceana County a wonderful place to live and work. I appreciate the welcoming spirit of our communities and the opportunities we have to make a positive impact close to home.

What might others not know about you?

One thing many people may not know about me is that I speak Spanish, a skill I developed while living abroad. Those experiences gave me a greater appreciation for different cultures and helped shape my love of connecting with people from all walks of life.

I live in Pentwater with my husband, Erik, who serves as Campground Director at Lake Michigan Family Campground. Together, we have six grown children living across Michigan and share our home with two sweet dogs. Family is a big part of my life, and I enjoy spending time with them whenever I can.