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I am originally from Boston Massachusetts. I graduated with a BA in English in the late 80s and spent 10 years working for a private psychiatric rehabilitation center named Gould Farm. Gould Farm is the first residential therapeutic community in the nation dedicated to helping adults with mental health and related challenges move toward recovery and independence through community living, meaningful work, and clinical care. At the end of my time at Gould Farm, I was the Clinical Coordinator for the 40-bed program in the Boston Area.

I left Gould Farm and headed to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt Divinity School. I obtained a Masters of Divinity, worked as a Chaplain on the Psychiatric Unit at the VA Hospital. While at the VA, I met my husband, Edward, on the Psych ward. He was a Psych Resident.

I also worked at the Development Coordinator at the Pastoral Counseling Center of Tennessee in Nashville.

Once Edward completed his Psychiatric Residency, we moved to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi. Edward got a job at the Gulf Coast VA Hospital and worked there for 21 years before we moved to Missoula. He now works for the Missoula VA. I worked part-time leading Substance Abuse Psychosocial Groups and doing individual counseling. I also was a leader for Celebrate Recovery in my church where I taught in the large group setting and facilitated both the Women's Substance Abuse Group and the Mixed Issues Group for Women.

We have three great children who moved with us here. The oldest two are enrolled at Missoula College and one is a Junior at Hellgate High School.

I started as a volunteer at the Chamber in the Spring of 2021. I was looking for a way to connect with people outside the house and get to know the community. I now am a paid employee working part-time as the Member Services & Communications Director. I manages the membership database, makes sure members are using their benefits and organizes the marketing needs of the Chamber for events, programs and its members.

I volunteer monthly helping with worship production at Zootown Church.