

I grew up a military brat so I lived in many places including Europe. I graduated high school in the Twin Cities and then joined the US Air Force. Ten years later, after becoming a Registered Nurse, I moved back to Minnesota and have lived in the region for more than 35 years now. I currently live in Mora.

I became an owner of City Center Market about 15 years ago when I moved to Isanti. In high school, I participated in a working co-op (my favorite thing to do was package and price cheese from the giant wheels) and I have supported co-ops wherever I've lived as an adult. It's very important to me to have access to clean, fresh foods.

Serving on our Board of Directors has been a very rewarding experience; I see how it makes a positive difference for a lot of people. My goal as President has been to help build an even stronger foundation from which City Center Market can grow, so we can be way-showers to the new economy. Keeping our co-op thriving is extremely important to me because my wellness-oriented lifestyle also involves managing multiple food and environmental sensitivities—in other words, I “walk the walk” and I want to contribute to the health and success of our community.

Other things I do include owning a small business, facilitating a writers' group, engaging in a business incubator startup, developing seminars I want to teach, and assisting two small nonprofits that support our local libraries. My eclectic background and being a lifelong learner has given me a rather varied skill set, which I gladly draw from to build up our community.

I welcome anyone to talk to me about participating on our Board. It has been something I will never regret nor forget.