President's Letter

Michigan Family Support Council
2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Amy Gilmore

I am honored to welcome you back to Boyne Mountain Resort for the 2023 MFSC fall conference.
I've been involved with MFSC since 2004 when a colleague randomly invited me to a board meeting. At that time, I was relatively new to the child support program, and I had no idea what MFSC was or what it was about, but I was eager to learn. I started as a quiet observer, watching and learning from those who had been on the board for years. I paid close attention to the folks who clearly cared – not only about this organization, but also about the families our program serves.
Slowly I learned what everything meant, how our organization works, and where to find my place within it. In 2011, I became a state board officer for the first time: Treasurer. I held that position for several years until I was voted in as Vice President in 2017 under Sheila Waldrop. When Sheila's two years as President were up, I felt unready to be a President, so I remained VP under Jeanette Miracle-Leshan. When Jeanette's tenure was up and I was elected President in October 2021, I felt about as ready as I could be; especially considering that we hadn't had a conference for two years and we were going to jump back in for 2022. At that time, I learned that a President is only as good as his/her board members and committees. I couldn't have been prouder of what we accomplished in 2022, and I know it was all because of the board members, volunteers, and sponsors.
After this conference – for the first time in 12 years – I will no longer be an MFSC board officer. I will simply be a passionate board member. I hope to be one of the people that I once looked up to when I was brand new to this organization. I hope new members will ask me questions, and I can help them gain confidence in their roles as board members, committee members, and officers.
Though I will no longer be an officer, MFSC will always be part of me and my story. I am truly honored to be woven into the threads of this organization's history.
Before I close, I would like to thank – from the bottom of my heart – all the board members and volunteers who worked so hard throughout the year to make this conference a success. Additionally, I'd like to give a huge shout-out to all the sponsors! Their support allows us to provide refreshments, entertainment, and other amenities we all enjoy as conference attendees. Most of all, I'd like to thank you – the attendees – for all the work you do every day to make life a little easier for families in Michigan.
I wish everyone a wonderful conference!
Sincerely,
Amy Gilmore
2023 MFSC president