

GHDP UPDATE

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GHDP Families,

I want to start off by saying that I am truly excited and honored to step into the role of Director at GHDP. I have greatly enjoyed my time working along side Matt Gargiulo and wish him the best as he enters into a new chapter.

Since my time at GHDP started in November 2020, I have loved getting to know the staff, the children, and the families, so far. I look forward to deepening these relationships and creating new ones. I wanted to take a moment to introduce and tell a little bit about myself so that you can get to know me better.

I grew up in Berne, Indiana, a small town just south of Fort Wayne. In high school I spent most of my time participating in softball, choir, color guard, missions trips, and leading a small youth group on Wednesday nights. Upon completing high school I began my undergraduate degree at Huntington University. During my time at Huntington, I worked in the President's office for 4 years, served as a Campus Ministries Coordinator, worked in the Volunteer Center, participated in choir, and enjoyed several intramural sports on campus. I was also blessed to meet my husband, Charles. I completed my Bachelor's Degree with a double major in Psychology and Sociology.

Charles and I got married in August of 2013. I was unsure of what my next educational or career path was at this point, so I began working at the local video store. I quickly moved into a management role and stayed in this position for approximately 4 years. During this time we had our first son, Elias, who is now 5 years old. Soon after we had Elias I began working at The Ark Daycare and Preschool as a toddler teacher. I quickly fell in love with the childcare setting, specifically a childcare ministry. We had our second son in 2018, Ezra, who is now 3 years old. After having children of my own, and working several years in childcare I knew that this is what I wanted my career to be, so I began my Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education Leadership. I completed this degree in October 2020.

I feel incredibly blessed that God brought me, and my family to Ellettsville, and to Growing Hearts. We immediately felt welcomed by the GHDP community, as well as Zion Community Church of the Nazarene. I look forward to this opportunity to serve as Director of GHDP and the opportunity to serve each staff member, child, and family. I am currently working in the office from 7:00AM-3:00PM. Please feel free to reach out through email, phone, or meeting as I desire to learn how to best serve all of you.

Sincerely,

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