

Meet the chaplains . . .



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How would you describe your personality and communication style?

Each person is a unique masterpiece of gifts and talents, and I welcome opportunities to be an encourager. There is rich value in being an avid, nonjudgemental listener, and one-on-one communication shows people they are worth investing in!

Tell us about your family, friends, pets, etc.

There are three “amigas” in our household: myself and my two daughters. Scar is our betta fish. I have a handful of tried and tested friends that are truly family to me. They have encouraged and challenged me to greater heights in the midst of my own trials, and I am so grateful for the wisdom in every one of them.

How would others describe you?

It has been said that I have the heart of a teacher, am nurturing and encouraging, engaging and passionate, insightful and perceptive, wise and well-spoken, and a natural networker.

If someone was looking to work with you as their chaplain, what would you like them to know?

There is empowerment for both chaplain and individual in sharing the joys and burdens of people. Lives are a precious investment, and to take valuable time to engage to promote healing, wholeness, companionship, and peace is priceless. It can be a lifesaver for the individual that positively affects those around them.

What is, in your opinion, the most interesting or strangest thing about you?

I was crowned Mrs. Wisconsin in 1995 and placed in the Top Ten at the Mrs. American pageant in 1996.

Tell us about your career, education, and experience that led you to workplace chaplaincy.

With a degree in marketing, I have worked in corporate America my entire career: in both for-profit and not-for-profit companies, in Fortune 100 and mom-and-pop shops, from public relations to construction. To be able to combine my marketplace experience with faith is a dream come true!

What types of life issues do you have experience helping others with?

Discovering your destiny and pursuing your purpose is my life message. It is critical for me personally, and extremely instrumental as I walk with others through child-raising and single parenting, marriage and divorce, family separation, physical and verbal abuse, unemployment, and privacy invasion.

What do you like most about being a workplace chaplain?

As a director of business development, I am thrilled to be able to provide employment opportunities to chaplains and come alongside presidents and CEO's, not only in assisting their employees with their personal needs, but also in serving as an encourager to them.

