

Biographical Outline for Nominee to the Homer CSD Board of Education



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What skills, experiences, talents do you bring to the Homer CSD BOE?

As a parent of a child with special needs, I can share my experiences and help to advocate for families with a similar journey. I love being an advocate and empowering others to be able to advocate for themselves. My professional background has connected me to many community resources and has given me a better understanding of our community and community needs.

Business and/or Professional Background

Prior to COVID19, I worked at Catholic Charities of Cortland County for many years, helping to support families within our communities. Through this work, I gained knowledge of the needs of families within the community, and I have an understanding of resources that are available. My work also included a role as a Children's Case Manager, where I assisted children and families with identifying needs and meeting goals, including attending IEP/504 plan meetings to help be an advocate for families. I also worked with many local organizations to collaborate care. When the pandemic hit, I left my career to be home with my children and support them while learning from home. I worked with NYS Department of Health on the Contact Tracing Initiative. My role during this time was to connect individuals and families to resources within their community to help support them through isolation/quarantine. Since the initiative ended, I have been working at a consulting company on Human Services projects.

Organizations, Business Affiliations, Clubs, Community Activities, etc.

Raising a toddler keeps me busy, but I try to attend community activities as we can. I am hoping I can get more involved with the local Puzzle Solvers Organization.

Hobbies and/or Avocations

My hobbies mostly consist of sporting events. My older son is very involved with sports so that keeps us busy. If I am not watching a game of his, you can usually catch us at another game cheering on friends.

Anything else you wish to share about yourself

As a mother of children in the Homer School District, I want to be able to help advocate for their educational needs along with all the other children within the district. As a mother of a child with special needs, I want to help ensure families feel the same level of support that we have had with educational planning. When I share our story with other people and family that live out of state, they respond by saying how lucky we are that we were able to get services so quickly. I would love to be able to be a part of the conversations that help other families who may be in similar circumstances to ours, feel the same way that we do and have one less area in life to worry about.