

**My name is Kathleen Alberg.** My husband and I have two children who once attended Mother's Day Out preschool! (One of them is now in high school and the other is in college!) I hold Bachelor's degrees in both Music and Early Childhood Education and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Ed. Before becoming a music teacher at Mother's Day Out, I taught kindergarten for 6 years at Hillcrest Elementary in Catonsville. I was also the music program coordinator for Gymboree Play and Music for 5 years. I started out at MDOW as a substitute teacher while my children were still in preschool. I now divide my time between teaching preschool music and teaching private voice and piano lessons.

I am so lucky to be able to share my love of music with each of the classes I teach. All children are naturally drawn to music. Music class gives us an opportunity to extend the curriculum they are exposed to in their classrooms. Each day we listen to music, we move to music and we create our own music!

It is truly an honor to be a part of these children's lives. My goal is to help each child develop the beginnings of a lifelong relationship with music.

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**My name is Heather Bateman.** I have been at MDOW for 10 years working in many of the rooms as a teacher's aide. My 3 daughters, who are now 18, 16, and 13, attended pre-school here. I fell in love with the school and never left. Primarily, I work with our younger students in the Heart and Bear rooms, but often sub in the classrooms with the older students.

In spring 2015, I earned my 90 hour certificate and became a teacher. I am credentialed by the state of Maryland as a Level 3. I love playing with the children and seeing the wonder shine in their eyes!

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**Hi, my name is Kim Bryan** and I have been with MDOW for 12 years. I started when my son Jack was 4 yrs. old and enrolled at MDOW in the Jungle Room. My daughter, Kaitlyn, had been at MDOW the year before her brother Jack attended. I was so impressed with MDOW that I wanted to work there. I started as an Aide working a few mornings in the Smiley Room with Ms. Julie. Ms. Julie taught me so much about being a teacher that I went back to school to get my 90 hour teaching degree.

You can find me every day teaching in the Smiley Room with the two year old children. Two year old children are such a delight to be around. I love nurturing them, teaching them and watching how much they develop learning and playing skills. It is a great feeling to be part of their first exposure to school. I get lots of hugs and laughter every day! In December 2014, I received my Maryland Credential.

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**My name is Sheila Donovan.** My name is Sheila Donovan. I have a B.A. in Psychology, specializing in child psychology. I have been at MDOW for 16 years. I started as a parent volunteer, then aide, and for the past 9 years I have been teaching. I teach an older mixed age group in the Ocean Room on M/W/F in the mornings.

I have always loved working with children. In the preschool environment, I have the opportunity to teach, nurture, and learn from children. I also get the privilege of working with each child's family in order to provide the best learning and growing atmosphere specific to the individual child.

It's an amazing feeling to be a part of a child's first exposure to "school". The love of learning and playing evident in all that they do. These experiences, through the eyes of a child, are why I absolutely love what I do!

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**Hi, my name is Sharon Hinkey.** I have a BA in Psychology from Loyola University. I have 2 sons, Bob & Pete, who attended Mother's Day Out at the former location and that is when I started as well. I was a parent helper and soon became a teacher. I have been teaching preschool for over 20 years. I currently work in the Jungle Room every day.

It is my absolute pleasure to be part of MDOW. I love being in the classroom with the children. We laugh, play and discover. To me, there is no better experience than watching a child grasp a concept or master a

skill they have been working toward. I am also the MDOW Director. I am very fortunate to work with such a talented, dedicated group of people.

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**Hi, my name is Caitlin Hook.** I am married to Steve Hook and have two children. Hailey is 18 and Stephen is 15. I started at MDOW when I was just 16 years old as a student intern. I went to Catonsville High School and I was in their Early Childhood Development program. I graduated with my 90 hours teaching certificate and began working at MDOW.

Both of my children attended Mother's Day Out from the 2 year old room thru the Pre-K. Throughout the years, I have worked in the Smiley Room, Bear Room, and now I am teaching in the Heart Room full time. There is absolutely no other place for me to be. I love teaching, the children and the staff I work with at MDOW.

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**My name is Susan Kreatschman,** better known as Miss Sue to the children of MDOW. I have been at MDOW for 18 years. For 12 of those years, I have been Miss Sharon's aide in the Jungle room.

I have 2 children. I have a son and a daughter who recently graduated from Towson University. When I'm not at school, you will usually find me at home which I share with my 3 dogs.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of teaching and caring for many students. It is not every job that you go to work and the first thing you are greeted with is hugs! Watching children grow throughout the year in both their social and academic skills is more rewarding than any other job I could have.

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**Hi my name is Debbie Medicus.** I have been working and helping to run Mother's Day Out since 1995. My girls, Brooke and Krystin, are grown and attended MDO in our old location. Brooks's daughter, Carsyn, now attends MDOW in the Ocean Room. Brook's son, Jay, will be starting this summer in the Smiley Room. Currently, I work in the Ocean Room Pre-K on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Sheila. In the mornings, I am in the office (maybe) or giving a tour or filling in for someone. I love working with the children. They always keep me on my toes. They are so eager to learn and have fun.

**Hello, my name is Carol Mosberg.** I live with my family in Catonsville. I have been married to my husband, Rob, for 20 years and we have two children, Sarah, a college student and our son Stephen who is in high school.

I have been working at Mother's Day Out for 15 years. I began helping out in the Bear Room and serving the snacks with a smile in the Snack Room. I have been an aide in the Heart Room since 2006 and am still there. I aide with Miss Caitlin on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The rest of the time I am teaching in the Bear Room. I feel that being in the Heart Room gives me a great opportunity to know a lot of the children before they come over to the Bear Room. They are comfortable with me, they know me and that helps them feel secure.

I love what I do and always knew that I wanted to be a pre-school teacher. I have always been around children (babysitting, helping my mother with her small in-home daycare) and just love what they say, what they think and how they get so excited about everything. They teach me something every day! I want the children in my class to love to come to school. I want them to have fun, make friends, feel safe and loved.

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**Hi, my name is Mary Ramsay,** I have been with MDOW for 10 years. My daughter attended MDOW through Pre-K. I teach Music and Movement, work in the Ocean Room as an aide and help in the office.

I am a Registered Nurse and have a B.S. Degree in Health Arts from St. Francis University. I completed my 90 hour Maryland Preschool Curriculum certification and substitute at MDOW as a teacher when needed. I am always excited to come to work as the children are so eager to learn. Watching them grow and "graduate" is a proud moment knowing you helped shape the person they will become.

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**My name is Carmen Schaefer.** I have been working at MDOW for over ten years. My husband and I have one son who is in elementary school. He attended MDOW. I enjoyed him being able to be a part of such a great school and the educational foundation that he received from Mother's Day Out made his transition to elementary school easier. I have my 90hrs teaching certificate and am graduated CCBC in May 2017 with an A.A. in Early Childhood Development and Special Education. I teach during the summer in the Heart room. During the school session, I'm an aide in Heart and and bear room. I have worked at MDOW since I was 16 years old and absolutely love my job.

**My name is Sandy Thompson** and I have been at MDOW for 12 years this Spring. I started as a volunteer in my son's 2 year old classroom and liked being with the children so much I decided to become an aide. Watching how the teachers interacted with the children motivated me to get my certification and now I teach in the Ocean Room on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and in the Jungle Room on Wednesday and Friday afternoon. I also aide in the Ocean Room. I have two sons and they both attended MDOW. One is in high school and the other is in college. Their experiences at MDOW and the education they received really helped them when they started Kindergarten. They both loved their preschool so much and had such a great experience there that they were really excited to start elementary school. Both of my sons still have friends that they met while in MDOW. I want to instill in the children I teach that learning is fun, whether it is learning an academic skill or how to make a new friend. I see many of our students in local school after they leave MDOW and it is a joy to watch them continue to grow and learn.