



My name is Kathleen Alberg. I have two adult sons who once attended Mother's Day Out preschool! I hold Bachelors' degrees in both Music and Early Childhood Education and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. Prior to becoming a Pre-K/Music teacher at MDOW, I taught kindergarten for 6 years at Hillcrest Elementary School in Catonsville. I have actually had the opportunity to teach the children of my former students! I divide my time between preschool 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. Music class gives us an opportunity to extend the curriculum they are exposed to in their classrooms.

It is truly an honor to be a part of your children's lives. It is so exciting to be by their side as they navigate their way through the joys and challenges of preschool.

Hi, my name is Lexi Alimo. My 5-year-old daughter went through all of the rooms here at Mother's Day Out and her father also did when he was a young child! I completed my 90-hour Maryland child care certification. I started out working in the snack room and moved on to become an aide/teacher. I currently teach Monday through Friday in the Heart Room. I love coming to work every day and working with the kids and watching them grow.

My name is Heather Bateman. I have been part of the MDOW community since 2004, first as a parent and then as a staff member. My 3 daughters, who are now young adults in college and starting their careers, attended MDOW. I loved the school so much I never left! I have been an employee of the preschool since 2008 and have worked in every capacity (snack, nap, aide, teacher) and in each classroom. I was named the Director of MDOW in September. I have my A.A. teacher certification, 90-hour teacher certification, and am currently working on my B.S. in Early Childhood Education. My vision is to carry on the legacy of MDOW while bringing new ideas and play to enhance our early childhood learning center.

My name is Merritt Kenney. I have been involved with MDOW since my eldest, Sarah, was 2. I enrolled her for some fun play and for socialization. Three years later, my daughter, Margaret, joined the group. When she was four, I became the Friday Four Aide at MDOW. My kids moved on and I remained, first as an aide, and then teaching part-time in the Bear Room mixed-age group. I love working with the kids, especially when you get those big bear hugs or a comment that the story you just read was "awesome!"

My name is Susan Kreatschman, better known as Miss Sue to the children of MDOW. I have worked at MDOW since 1999. I am an aide in the Jungle Room Pre-K. When I'm not at school, you will usually find me at home which I share with my dogs.

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

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 MDOW in our original location. Brooke's daughter, Lainey, graduated from MDOW's Pre-K in 2023. You will find me either in the office, filling in for someone or helping where I can. I love working with the children. They always keep me on my toes. They are so eager to learn and have fun.

My name is Julie Pallozzi and I have been with Mother's Day Out since the first day it opened in 1974! My youngest daughter, Jennie, was a member of the very first class. I served as a parent volunteer, an aide, a teacher and in 1979 I became the director--a position I held until we moved here to Westchester. I have taught all of the classes at one time or another, but for the last 14 or 15 years I have been the teacher in the Smiley Room with the very youngest students--the two-year olds! When I started out as a teacher, I taught 4th and 5th grade for 6 years at ElkrIDGE Elementary School. Never in my wildest dreams could I imagine teaching two-year olds, but I discovered that I LOVE them and so enjoy being with them!

Mother's Day Out has been a huge part of my life for all of these years and though I've cut back on the days I'm here, I still love to come to "school". A number of the MDOW teachers' children and grandchildren have been in my class, including 8 of my own "grands".

Picasso once said, "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away!" I have been blessed to have found my gift--art and crafts...children's books...the flannel board...the toys...the joy of little children when they learn something new--and to be able to give my gifts away, to share them with all of the little ones in my care.

My name is Mary Ramsay. I have been with MDOW for 16 years. I teach Tuesday and Thursday in the Bear Room which is a mixed class of 3- to 5-year-olds. While I am certified to teach, I am also a Registered Nurse with a B.S. from St. Francis University. I monitor allergy and health concerns at our school.

I enjoy teaching a fun, creative curriculum that engages the children. Learning through play is an important social-emotional foundation of early education.

My name is Sandy Thompson and I have been at MDOW for 18 years this spring. I started as a volunteer in my son's two-year old classroom and liked being with the children so much that I decided to become an aide. Watching how the teachers interacted with the children motivated me to get my certification. I also received my A.A. from Catonsville Community College in 1997. Currently, I teach Pre-K and mixed-age classes in the Ocean Room.

I have two sons who both attended MDOW. One has graduated from CCBC and the other will be attending in the fall. 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 at 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 the local community after they leave MDOW and it is a joy to watch them continue to grow and learn.

Hi, my name is Nicole Tsang. I hold an M.B.A. from the University of Washington and a B.A. in Marketing and Finance from the University of Oregon. Before joining MDOW, I worked as a marketing manager. I have two children--a sixth-grader and a fifth-grader--both of whom attended MDOW. I love the enthusiasm and curiosity preschoolers have for learning new things and know that when I come to work at MDOW there will never be a dull day. Since 2009, I have been volunteering weekly at Children's National Hospital, bringing smiles, entertainment and comfort to patients.