

Marcia Parcell



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May is the month we celebrate mothers, and in this Member Spotlight, we are highlighting Marcia Parcell, a mother of five, a devoted youth leader, and a passionate advocate for health and wellness. As a Health and Human Sciences Educator at Purdue Extension in Dearborn County, she has been serving her community since 2014. Her work focuses on teaching youth and adults about healthy living and providing the resources they need to lead healthier lives. Marcia's career spans nearly two decades, with a history of making a difference in the lives of young people.

Before joining Purdue Extension, Marcia worked as a 4-H Youth Development Educator at Purdue University from 2011 to 2014, and as a 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator from 2007 to 2010. During this time, she was dedicated to empowering young people with the skills they need to succeed, guiding them through hands-on learning and encouraging personal growth.

Marcia's journey in education began earlier as a teacher, where she spent nearly a decade teaching at Sugarloaf Elementary and St. Nicholas School. From 1995 to 2007, she taught fourth and fifth grades, shaping the minds and character of her students with the same care and dedication she brings to her current work.

As a mother, Marcia has always been committed to raising her children with strong values. She encouraged her kids to participate in 4-H, helped them learn how to cook, and always made sure fresh, healthy produce was on the table, whether it came from their own garden or a local farmer's market. Now that her children are raised, Marcia takes pride in looking back on those years, knowing she helped instill the values of healthy living, responsibility, and community involvement.



SEI REMC EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Katelyn Back



Katelyn has been part of the SEI REMC team for six years, serving in both part-time and full-time roles. As a Billing Specialist, she supports members by answering calls, calculating bills, and managing the mail room.

She enjoys working in a member-focused environment and has discovered a love for numbers and problem-solving. Katelyn values the kindness and support of her teammates.

Outside of work, she leads worship and children's church at Bear Creek Baptist Church and volunteers as a church camp counselor. Katelyn and her husband, Ethan, have two children — Anna (7) and Seth (5) — and she loves spending time with her family and friends. Her love for faith, family, and community shines through everything she does.



Marcia receiving award at the NEAFCS conference

In 2022, Marcia received the prestigious Distinguished Service Award at the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) conference in Raleigh, NC. This recognition celebrates her hard work and dedication in promoting healthier lifestyles in her community.



Marcia and her family

Through her roles as an educator, mother, and community advocate, Marcia continues to touch the lives of those around her. Her commitment to the health and well-being of youth and families in her community is a true reflection of her warm, nurturing spirit and her belief in the power of service.

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