

Years of Service at KW Habilitation

1999 – 20 years

C.J. Deacoff

Batavia

CJ was hired 20 years ago as a part time staff at Batavia. I am pretty sure the “C” stands for consistent, because 20 years later CJ is the longest part time staff at Batavia and provides a depth of knowledge about the program itself and the people who live there. CJ has helped us out of countless jams over the years. Thank you for your dedication CJ!

Corrie Fox

Foxhunt

Corrie has worked for “Don’s programs” since she was first hired 20 years ago. She has been in both full and part time positions between Batavia and Foxhunt. She is impeccably organized and has a way of blending attention to detail and person centred approaches for everyone she works with.

Brian Henderson

Pinnacle

Brian Henderson is celebrating 20 years with KW Habilitation. He has been a dedicated Night Staff working at Pinnacle and DFR. Brian is a passionate person with much to offer those he supports and his coworkers. Congratulations Brian!

Mercia Jones

Eby St.

Merica started as a Part-time relief staff at Eby St. and is currently a full-time DSW at Boettger. 20 years at KW Hab is a wonderful accomplishment, congratulations!

Mark Kniahnicki

KW Career Compass

Throughout his 20 year career, Mark Kniahnicki (Nah/hin/ski) has enriched a lot of programs with his person-centred practice, health and safety excellence and hyper-focus on proper hygiene. Starting in a part-time role at Foxhunt in 1999, mark progressed to a DSP role at Batavia and eventually moved into a role at KW Career Compass where he has been ever since. Mark is a gifted connector who builds strong relationships that benefit all of KW Habilitation and enriches the lives of the people he supports. Thanks for your fabulous work...and cleanliness.

Angela Mackenzie

Foxhunt

Angela has worked at many programs over the years. Including Sandowne, McFadden and finally finding a home at Foxhunt. She is person centred, maintains trusting and nurturing relationships with the men at Foxhunt and is known for her calming demeanour.

Kay Nicholson**Mcfadden**

Kay started part time at DFR and was hired by Rhonda who later followed her to McFadden where Kay has been a fulltime Direct Support Worker for many years. Other things that make Kay's life exciting are her family, her grandchildren, travel and building a holiday home in Jamaica

Nicola Ward**DFR**

- Started working for KW Habilitation Part time nights at Healy House in 1999.
- In 2000 completed a 6 week Full time contract at Avalon and then got hired full time at Healy House.
- In 2003 worked as a Counsellor at Lexington
- Became the Supervisor at DFR in 2007
- In 2009 worked as Morning Support at Lexington before returning to full time with Career Compass in 2010
- In 2017 Nicola became the Supervisor at DFR and is currently the Interim Manager
- As Nicola has stated "It has been a wild and crazy ride working for KW Habilitation and she wouldn't change a thing!"

Kate Wilson**Third Ave.**

Kate Wilson has worked at Third Ave for 20 years. She enjoys sailing, golf, very person centered and thoughtful. She has a great sense of humor and loves her Volkswagen.

1994 – 25 Years**Carol Gregory****DFR**

Has been working for KW Habilitation for 25 years in a variety of Inclusive Living programs as well as Day options programs. She started out at DFR in 1994 and has worked at Sandowne, Boettger, ADS and the Studio to name a few. She is versatile, and has the ability to create positive connections with the people we support and staff. She is known for her love of gardening and often brings produce in for residents and staff. She is always eager to help out wherever she is needed and is known for being a reliable, caring staff. An asset to KWHS.

Tina Ryckman**Foxhunt**

Tina has brought her "never leave work unfinished" ethic to several programs over the years including Shantz 11, Sandowne and Foxhunt. She is known for her hard work, matching outfits and wonderful home cooked meals and incredibly delicious desserts.

1989 – 30 Years

Sharon Bell

Lexington

Sharon started her KWHab career in August 1989, when she was hired on by Ann Bilodeau at the David Fischer Residence. Her portfolio includes time working at DFR, Shantz 37 and her current location Lexington, since 2002. Sharon has been an active member of the Med Committee since it began and was also part of the Healthy Habits Group.

Cindy Blignault

Boettger

Started at Boettger as a Full-time Night staff and has been a dedicated presence in the home ever since. The people at Boettger are excited to offer congratulations on 30 years at KW Hab.

Carolyn Cornwall

88 Kilkerran

Carolyn has had a lengthy career with KW Habilitation starting at Healy House both full time and part time and part time at David Fisher Residence. Her dedication, kindness, sincerity and gentle nature are felt and valued by both her coworkers and the people she supports. In more recent years she began to work at Lexington as well. Congratulations on 30 years with KW Habilitation!

Donna Cowan

S.I.L.

- Started pt weekends at 129 Connelly
- Worked a weekend at 125 Connelly also
- Began working FT at 129 Connelly in '92
- Worked in the "Apartment Program" on Dinison for a number of years
- Donna moved to the SIL Program when the Apartment Program "dissolved" and became part of the SIL Program
- Last year, Donna "retired" from her FT position but happily, has continued with us in SIL on a part time basis—she is currently enjoying supporting people with a variety of community events through their passport funds

Cheryl Dietrich

McFadden

Cheryl has spent her career with KW Habilitation with the people living at McFadden as fulltime and part time. She has watched people grow up and has long established relationships and history of people that we appreciate. Cheryl brings her love of music to the home. Also important in her life is her family and significant other, her dogs, a successful cleaning business, her steel drum music and travel.

Sheila Kooy

ADS

began her career with KWH 30 years ago. She was a weekend counselor, special needs worker, evening assistant, relief and is presently a Direct Support Professional at ADS. AS KWH grew so did Sheila. Sheila and her husband Harry had two beautiful

daughters. Sheila has a warm and welcoming self presentation. The team at ADS are well aware of her gift of making decorations for special events and those decorations are a back drop of the warm and welcoming spirit she reflects everyday with the people she supports and coworkers. Thank you for 30 years of Service Sheila

Angie McKinnon **ADS**

started her career with KWH as a Residential Counsellor 32 years ago at the King Street home. She left briefly, only to return to the fold 2 years later. Angie has worked as a Direct Support Professional in Inclusive Living, was a Summer Programme Coordinator, and at the Studio and ADS before retiring from full-time to continue on relief. Angie is known for interacting at a personal level. She has an energetic, motivational demeanor as many coworkers can attest and has always been open to helping them when they sought her out for advice on healthy eating and physical fitness. Angie's other passion is her love for canines. You know a person's a dog lover when friends and acquaintances open conversation with "How's Harley?" -Angie's canine son. A cheerleader to all; KWH now cheers Angie on 30 years (and then some) of service.

Lorraine Stavenow **ADS**

Lorraine joined KWH in 1998, starting out at Sandowne where she worked for 9 years. Lorraine became the Manager at ADS in 2002 and currently she manages ADS, The Studio and Our Farm. She has made many valuable contributions on our behalf as the Manager co-chair on the Joint Health and Safety Committee. Lorraine is a great asset to KWH. She is known for having an "outstanding work ethic" . This along with her integrity and genuine respect for staff and the people we support is put into action every day. Lorraine is positive, passionate and professional and can always be counted on. Thank you Lorraine for all you do and congratulations on 30 years of service!

Lisa Wilken **44 Kilkerran**

Over the course of her career with Kw Habilitation, Lisa has worked in many locations and in many different full and part time positions including Employment Supports, Avalon, 44 Kilkerran and 88 Kilkerran to name a few. She is known and appreciated for her dedication and commitment to the people she supports and going the extra mile to ensure she is providing the highest quality service. Congratulations on 30 years with KW Habilitation!

Carolyn Wilkinson **Manager**

- Is receiving 30 years but is actually at 37 years minus 3 months; Chris' fault as she believed Carolyn would stay in Tulsa, Oklahoma and took her off payroll...to our excitement she came back!
- Currently manages, SIL, Sydney Street and Gage however has managed many Inclusive Living homes over the years

- Is a member of the Behaviour Review Committee and is always eager to assist Jeremy as his technology assistant
- Has a passion for ensuring the rights of people are respected and supported

Wilma Young

The Vibe

In 30 years, Wilma Young's energy has never flagged. Wilma is a passionate staff who began working at the Training Centre in 1989. In that time her passion, love of family and endless creativity has enriched the lives of every person with whom she works. On any given day Wilma's artistic talent, sense of humour and person-centred practice bring joy and build skills. Thank you so much for 30 amazing years!!

1984 – 35 Years

Laurene Sprowl

The Vibe

35 years is an incredible accomplishment. When Laurene started at DFR in 1984 she showed up for her interview with a broken leg – this was a clear foreshadowing of the level of commitment Laurene brings to her job at the Vibe every single day. Laurene has worked at Shantz 11, Victoria Street and eventually started at the Training Centre in 2005 where she has been ever since. Laurene is a passionate person who always has an idea, is the queen of bargain hunting and a person who, given how small her hands are, amazes everyone with her ability to juggle so many priorities. Laurene is the proud mother of two fabulous children, a staff who lives and breathes health and safety and someone who is unafraid to bring all the creativity she possesses to any endeavour. Thank you for 35 amazing years!!

Terry Mayou

Manager

- Currently manages Eby, Boettger and Erb programs
- Is a member of our Abuse Prevention & Education Committee
- Assists with Advocates Against Abuse Training
- Provides provincial training for Sex Extrem & Relationship Development
- Has a passion for animal rights, cheese, all things maple flavoured and Tai Kwon Do

1979 – 40 Years

Barb Williacy

Manager

- Started in 1979 at the Training Centre then went to ADS in 1982
- Returned to the Training Centre in 1991 as the Manager and became a Residential Manager in 2001
- Currently manages 125 & 129 Connelly and 44 & 88 Kilkerran
- Barb is a strong advocate for the people we support as well as staff; for years she was a CPI Instructor reaching her Master's level of certification
- On a personal note Barb met her husband Bob at KWH and is a proud and devoted grandmother; she loves to travel and is always looking for a deal while shopping in the states! KW Habilitation has been extremely fortunate to have Barb's dedication, passion, experience and energy for 40 years!