



The Village that Cheryl Help Build



From the moment Y associate Cheryl Rosendahl saw a Stay & Play job advertised on a dry erase board at the Y in Westminster 30 years ago (now called the Hill Y), she knew it was right up her alley.

"My husband and I had just moved to Carroll County and we had a two year old. The Y was just looking for someone to work four or five hours a week and I thought, I can do that!"

Today, after three decades of unwavering commitment to the Y, Cheryl is the Director of Y Chipmunks Preschool located in Carroll County, a position she has held for over 20 years.

Described by her colleagues as caring, dedicated and fun, Cheryl's favorite part of the job is playing with the kids, watching them grow and engaging with the families.

"Many, many generations have come through Chipmunks. For the children, it gives them a safe place to explore the world without their parents there. In just one month, we see them go from crying to walking in, putting their bags away and having conversations with each other. It's like a little village!" says Cheryl.

When asked about her Y career highlight Cheryl shares, "There was this one year when it all seemed to come together. The kids in the class I was teaching built such a little community with one another. They were so kind and nurturing to one another and it felt really good! I felt so proud."

Thank you Cheryl for the passion and energy you bring to the Y and your community every day. **We appreciate you!**

Photo: Cheryl's first year at Y Chipmunks

