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Welcome New Board Member, Laurie Gingrich!

by Peg Dowling, Board Secretary

Meet one of our new Board Members, Laurie Gingrich, a delightful and hard-working woman, who studied French and German as an undergraduate and has a Master of Arts degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Chicago, and is working toward a Master of Jurisprudence at John Marshall Law School.

Laurie's interest in Mary Crane Center stems from a desire to give back to the community, which she feels was fostered by her father, who was also a social worker. She likes the mission of Mary Crane Center because of early memories of reading about Jane Addams and her work with immigrant children.

Originally, Laurie lived in a small town in Ohio, moving to Chicago with her husband after college. She and her husband found big city life more exciting and decided to make Chicago their home. They have lived in Hyde Park, Gage Park and have spent the last 20 years on the North side of the city, currently in the Lincoln Square area. She said her husband is a Sox fan, (having grown up in Central Illinois) but would not commit to Sox or Cubs for herself.

As a lover of travel and amateur photographer, Laurie's favorite place is currently Japan, the last place she visited. Her daughter, a Japanese major, is spending part of her college experience in Japan, and Laurie loved being there and having a personal tour guide! Her bucket list includes all the capitals of Europe, although after visiting Japan, she has added Thailand and Vietnam to her list! Laurie's son is a social worker and community artist and lives in Vancouver, another good place to visit.

Laurie loves to dance and studied ballet as a young person. Recently, she has taken classes in Flamenco, Cajun, and Eastern European dancing. It seems the music runs through the family, as her husband is a professional musician and works in sales and marketing for a local bass guitar company.

She has managed document and information research and compliance throughout her 30+ year career. She has spent the past 15 years with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP in Chicago, currently as Director of Records and Information Management, Ethics & Compliance.

Laurie is serving on the Finance Committee, and could also see herself contributing to the Resource Development Committee in the future, helping to track, organize, and increase Mary Crane's donor base.

Mary Crane Center is fortunate to have Laurie Gingrich as a board member, and we welcome her to our community!

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