Celeste Cramer, Development Director



Celeste Cramer takes a vision and makes it reality through sound strategic planning and development. Celeste has over twenty years of social work experience and over fifteen years of management experience, particularly in the non-profit sector. In the Bay Area, she worked with the Polly Klass Foundation and McDowell Drug Force, serving on the board at age sixteen. Celeste has worked with local non-profits such as Rape Crisis, Catalyst Domestic Violence Services, Hooker Oak Elementary PTO and Stonewall Alliance of Chico. Over the past ten years, she has worked for Butte County Behavioral Health in different roles - crisis counselor, supervisor and administrative analyst - passionately serving people who suffer from mental illness. On the side, Celeste has been doing event planning and marketing with a focus on raising funds for schools (including Inspire!) and non-profits.

During Celeste's career, she started nationwide sales businesses to help start-up companies become successful such as Moby Wrap Inc. and Pura Stainless Bottles. Celeste believes strongly that anyone can sell anything as long as they feel passionate about the product. Now she brings her skills and experience to ensure the Inspire Foundation's success in raising the money needed to build the school they deserve, then to secure enough funds so that the Inspire School of Arts & Sciences students and teachers can focus on learning and educating and not on fundraising. This is a cause Celeste feels fiercely passionate about and is determined to make a reality.

On a personal note, Celeste has a son who has been drumming on anything since he could pick up a stick and now has found a school that appreciates and challenges his talent at Inspire. Her youngest son is counting the days until he is old enough to be a student at Inspire School of Arts & Sciences. She shares, "When looking at high school options, it was a clear choice after attending the Inspire orientation - every teacher who got up to speak about their program was more enthusiastic than the previous. It was palpable, and we walked away incredibly grateful to have this program as an option."