



Meet the Workforce Development, Inc. (WDI) Administration Staff

FUN FACTS ABOUT US...

Randy Johnson, Executive Director

- My first job at WDI (it was called the Private Industry Council, or the PIC, then) in 1985 was that of Operations Director - there were just 6 of us working at the PIC - no field staff, just Admin. Our total budget was just under \$2 million, and we contracted out for service.
- I still remember our first computer - it was an Apple "LISA", and we used it as kind of a toy to store addresses.
- In my years, I've seen some pretty interesting Board meetings - people going into a rage, throwing pens at each other, doing a Heimlich on an over-zealous-eating Commissioner, and one falling asleep and off his chair.
- I still most enjoy seeing the customer's faces when they get the job they didn't think possible, and graduation ceremonies with their families.
- My favorite phrase? "Don't just admire the problem, make a difference!"



Wanda Jensen, Operations Director

- I came to WDI as a Dislocated Worker.
- I started in the Preston and Caledonia offices as the MIS Intake Specialist.
- My first year in Admin, I think I said about TEN words to Randy—I was very intimidated.
- I love my job and the mission of the organization. Whenever I get frustrated or start dragging, I think about the great work we do—it's important and thinking about it re-energizes me!



Brian Ashton, Fiscal Director

- I have many, very important jobs. For instance, I order the air freshener canisters for the Rochester restrooms.
- My office currently contains five different computers... two of which I actually use.
- I once filled Wanda's office with balloons (with help from the Admin Team) from floor to ceiling while she was on vacation.



Susan Boehm, Regional Career Pathways Coordinator

- Many times a day, I hear myself saying, “One goal of these short-term trainings is to give people an awareness of and access to not just jobs, but careers that pay a living wage.”
- I love that every employee of WDI, no matter his/her position, is working every single day to positively change the lives of the people with whom we work. It doesn’t get any better than that for me.
- Love me, love my dog Phoebe.



Michelle Breamer, Regional MIS Coordinator

- I still get referred to as “kid,” as I started when I was just a baby; 19-years-old. I have been employed here for over ½ my life.
- I consider myself a custodial engineer and a firefighter, as I’m always cleaning up paperwork and putting out fires!
- I thrive on being overly busy and multi-tasking.



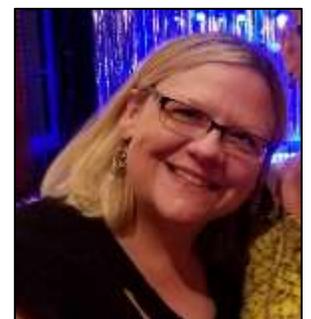
Beth Breuer, Assistant Accountant

- I scan every piece of paper in each and every participant file for all ten WDI offices. That means a lot of paper going through the old scanner.
- You can often find me assisting other Admin team members—like checking to see that the meeting room is arranged before Board meetings!
- I have two office locations, as my job duties are split between the Rochester office and the Admin office. That means I also have two phone numbers—GOOD LUCK finding me!



Jill Miller, Executive Secretary

- I’d never heard of Workforce Development, Inc. before I applied for the Executive Secretary position.
- My position at WDI is the first career I’ve had that hasn’t been in the Healthcare or Medical Sector.
- I enjoy playing practical jokes on WDI’s Executive Director.
- I have great organizational skills, especially when it comes to planning meetings and events.
- I have a famous great, great, great, great uncle... President Abe Lincoln.



Robert Myers, Computer/Network Specialist

- I like my job, and I've been doing customer relations jobs for a long time.
- I'm responsible for and stay on top of the Help Request System for open requests.
- I do maintenance on the Lab/Resource computers.

Jinny Rietmann, Regional Youth Services Coordinator

- Part of my role is the Rural Career Counseling Coordinator – developing regional initiatives that support high school and post-secondary high school counselors, and developing experiential learning resources and programming across 11 counties, including Winona.



John Schaber, IT Coordinator

- I've been elected to City Council four times; just elected for my third term as Mayor.
- I spend the last week in June in the Black Hills of South Dakota
- I'm the oldest of three sons.

