



Hello!

With a background in senior health and wellness, I am passionate about supporting our Waconia seniors and helping them stay connected and engaged socially, physically, mentally and emotionally. My past experience includes developing and implementing senior health and wellness programming for members of the community as well as for those in senior living communities.

I live in Waconia with my husband Mark, our 12-year old daughter Claire and our border collie Raine. We're an active family who loves snow skiing, playing out on the lake and cheering on Claire and her teammates in basketball and soccer. When we need a break, you'll often find us relaxing at home watching Survivor or HGTV.

My history with the center goes back to its beginning. I was fortunate to be part of The Waconia Area Senior Center Task Force in 2016 when the idea for a senior center was just that, an idea. In truly a grass roots effort, this small group of local seniors and other enthusiastic community members collaborated to connect with the older adults in our community.

In addition to researching and documenting the benefits of social, physical, educational, and recreational activity for seniors, the task force connected with area senior centers, interviewing directors and learning about their programs. Results of that work were shared with the Waconia community and city council leaders, and with their support, the task force laid the foundation for what is now The Waconia Area Senior Center.

Waconia's Freshwater Church generously offered space one day per week as an initial location and in 2019, the City of Waconia renovated space in City Hall to house the current center. Since 2019, the center and its programming have continued to operate and been further developed thanks to our dedicated board of directors and other enthusiastic senior volunteers.

It's great to be here and I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you!

~ Lynne