



FROM DUSK TO DAWN PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR CELEBRATES DECADES OF SERVICE

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For Dawn Stremplewski, 2019 marks the 30th year that she has been pouring into the lives of young children at the South Holland Community Center Preschool.

After graduating from Marian Catholic High School in 1989, Dawn took a position as a summer camp counselor for the South Holland Community Center upon her mother's suggestion. From there, she was offered to work at the preschool in the fall. Accepting the position, she thus launched her bright career.

Dawn says she has always loved working with kids. When she was young, she imagined herself having five or six of her own. Now having worked in the preschool for so many years, she "feels like she has had hundreds." For her, working with kids brings the most joy. "They are all so unique and loving," Dawn says. "I truly love my job. I am so blessed to be here."

Throughout her time at the preschool, Dawn has found that the best way to facilitate kids' growth is to make sure the children know that you care about them and that you respect them. Putting this in action, Dawn makes sure to create an environment that is always improving and provides what is best for the kids. She takes time to see how society changes and how to teach the kids most effectively while being sure to do so in a

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Preschool staff and visit the
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August 21, 2019
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501 E. 170th St.

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fun and exciting way. "I want them to experience opportunities they might not otherwise be able to do," Dawn says, reflecting on a camp trip to the Museum of Science and Industry.

Dawn applauds her team for helping her accomplish this goal. "It's not just me in the program," she says. "If I didn't have my team, then it really wouldn't be as successful. It really does take a village to run a preschool."

Dawn says she takes comfort in knowing that she and her team help build a good foundation for kids' lives. She loves to see the kids grow. Some of her students even return to work for her. "It is so satisfying to see these kids become doctors, accountants, bankers, and teachers," she says. "I love when they come back to say hi because I feel like I did a job well done."

Now in her 30th year at the preschool, Dawn is still overjoyed to be working with children, just as she was fresh out of high school in 1989.

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