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Meet PPPA's New HR Director

by Alicia Adams

Pacific Press welcomed a new human resources director almost two weeks ago. **Julie Nichols** brings a wealth of experience and a diverse background to the leadership team. She holds an undergraduate degree in business management and an MBA in finance, which will help her navigate the complex world of HR with ease.

Julie's career path has been an interesting journey. She started out working in contracting for the Loma Linda Faculty Medical Group, then transitioned into contracting with health plans. She did Real Estate, homeschooled her children, and followed her entrepreneurial spirit with a successful photography business startup.

Her most interesting job was serving as "creative director for a project for Kathy Ireland Worldwide Brands, followed closely by homeschooling my children." Ask her sometime about her meetings with former President Bill Clinton, business tycoon Malcolm Forbes, and singer Elton John.

If Julie had to give an impromptu 30-minute presentation without any prep, she could easily talk about Jesus, or how to deliver Ritz-Carlton-style customer service, or how to close the deal with authority. Now, she is excited to be a part of the PPPA team.

When she's not working, Julie enjoys spending time with her family. Her husband, Todd, is a professional portrait photographer, and they have four children who are in different stages of finishing school and figuring out their futures. Her little corgi, Millie, also brings her joy and laughter with her fluffy withers and tiny dwarf legs.

Her dream vacation? "If it was winter, skiing in Zermatt, Switzerland, and drinking hot chocolate around the fire at night," she says. "If it was summer, an over-water hut in Bali watching the sun dip into the ocean at sunset."

Finally, when it comes to her favorite local restaurant, Julie has a hard time choosing just one. Brick 29, Madhuban Indian, and Barbacoa are among her top picks. She highly recommends the butternut squash ravioli at Brick 29—"to DIE for," she says—the coconut naan bread at Madhuban, and the tableside guacamole at Barbacoa.

We are thrilled to have our new HR director on board and look forward to the fresh perspective and ideas she brings to our team. As she says, "I love helping someone else," and we are confident that she will be an asset to our organization as we move into the future.



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- 8 Chapel—Eric Petersen, Product Dedication
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- 5 Chapel—Miguel Valdivia, Product Dedication
- 12 Chapel—
- 14 PAYDAY

May Blessings

- May** You be happy.
- May** You be well.
- May** You find comfort.
- May** You have strength.
- May** You have courage.
- May** You find peace.
- May** You have joy.
- May** You be blessed!

