

Melanie's Story

I've always been one to volunteer, whether it's been for the local animal shelter, library, a local non-profit or for a one-time event. I'm nurturing by nature but I really enjoy lending a hand, especially to an organization I'm passionate about.

I knew I would volunteer for the Professional Center for Child Development as soon as I met the 2x3 Preschool staff. I was so nervous to start my son at school due to some of his developmental issues and I was worried if he would be accepted as is or just looked at as a trouble-maker.

When we went in for a visit, my son and I were immediately greeted and accepted and I felt like we belonged. When the first day came, I was not nervous at all. I left him with these "strangers" with comfort and optimism as I knew he was in the best hands and would be accepted no matter what. I saw how passionate and patient each teacher was with each child and I was in complete awe of them. Leaving that day, I knew PCCD and the preschool staff would always hold a special place in my heart and I would volunteer in any capacity needed. As soon as I heard they needed volunteers for their yearly fundraiser, the Trot for Special Tots, I jumped on board. I've now helped with three Trots and also served on the committee to help plan the annual Gala for two springs. Even though my son has graduated and moved on to public school, I'm still volunteering in hopes of just giving back a tiny piece of what PCCD gave me and my family. Thank you Preschool Staff!

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