

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW TEAM

Autism United of Wisconsin has navigated a number of changes in the last couple years. We continue to work toward our mission to create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully.

Here are some of our key team members:



Rechelle Chaffee
Executive Director
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“Let’s connect and make a better world for individuals on the spectrum.”

Rechelle has been with the Autism United for nine years and serves as the Executive Director. With a degree in Business and family members on the spectrum, she has championed for Autism awareness, education and supports by providing programs and services that benefit the Autism community. She brings a passion for advocacy efforts to work every day.



Haydn Flores
Programming Manager
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“Ask me about our diverse programs.”

Haydn is finishing a Master’s degree in Educational Psychology with a specialization in Cognitive and Developmental Sciences. With a background in informal learning environments and nonprofit organizations, Haydn has consistently worked to create inclusive and engaging educational experiences throughout their career.



Beth Pirkey
Development & Events Manager
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“Reach out to me any time you have a question!”

Beth is a mission-driven leader with experience in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. Beth excels at bringing people and resources together for the common good. As a development leader with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Holy Apostles Parish and School, she reimaged giving campaigns, strengthened donor relationships, and led program rebranding efforts to connect people with mission.



Adela Villanueva Pérez
Information/Referral Coordinator & Spanish Support
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“Let me connect you to resources in the community. ¡Sí, hablo español!”

Adela is a mother of a child with Autism. She also has spent time in the medical field serving others. She has a passion to help others to overcome language barriers and get the help and support they need. Adela has a real interest in the community and being a source of assistance to others.



DeAnna Thomas
Information, Referral & Program Coordinator
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“Ask me about our Adults on the Spectrum program!”

DeAnna has been a special education teacher for ten years with a degree in English Literature and film studies. After having her two daughters DeAnna returned to school for her special education license. She has years of experience working with children and young adults with Autism, including elementary, middle school, college, and in home teaching and care.



Jodi Didenko
Information & Referral Coordinator
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“Ask me about resources available in our community.”

Jodi has been in education for 28 years and has master’s degrees in professional development and educational leadership. As a mom to a son with Autism, she knows firsthand of the challenges families and caregivers endure getting help for their child. Her passionate mission is to educate those not on the spectrum about the fascinating world of Autism, and to improve policies and systems for all who are affected.

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Here are more of our key team members:



Heidi Rasmussen
Community Outreach &
Development Specialist
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“Let's connect about sponsor and partnership opportunities”

As a single mother of two autistic sons, Heidi considers herself to be a “Poster Parent” for Autism. Heidi’s story has come full circle—from being a parent making calls to the Autism Society to help her navigate solutions for her two sons having ASD to now paying it forward by making calls on behalf of Autism United for fundraising, promoting community awareness and acceptance of Autism.



Robin Fuchs
Marketing & Volunteer Manager
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“Reach out to me if you're interested in our volunteer opportunities”

Robin has worked in digital merchandising and marketing for 12 years with Kohl’s, a longtime corporate volunteer partner of the Autism United. Volunteering every week with various non-profits became his passion. He now brings that firsthand perspective to advance our volunteer experience — one that is organized, impactful and fulfilling.



Julie Quigley
Parents Evening Support Group
Facilitator
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“Ask me about our Parents Support Group!”

Julie has an M.A. in Teaching and has taught special education in the public schools for over 19 years. Julie served as the Director of Education and Outreach at Autism United for eight years. She is presently employed at the Germantown School District as a Special Education Teacher.



Becky Aten
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“Ask me about our Adults on the Spectrum program.”

Becky Aten (she/they) is an openly Autistic & ADHD human resources professional, yoga teacher, neurodiversity advocate, nature-lover, and self-identified nerd. With 18 years of experience working in mental health recovery spaces, Becky is passionate about cultivating welcoming, mindful, neurodiversity-affirming environments that are body-neutral, and honor each individual’s experiences and intersecting identities.

Please call or email with questions and direct others to these very capable team members. Information Line: 414.988.1260 • Email: info@autism-united.org



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