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# The Connection

## New GBKC Board Members



Irene Lachance joined the Board in 2014. She is a project manager at Fidelity Investments in Merrimack, NH and has more than 15 years of project management, business analysis,

and consulting experience. Irene lives in Exeter with her husband and three children – all three are current or past attendees of Great Bay Kids' Company.



Jessica Lyons joined the Board in July of 2014. She is a self-employed psychotherapist and business consultant. Jessica is an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School at UNH in the

Department of Human Development and Family Studies and a current Great Bay Kids' Company parent.

## UNH Career and Internship Day

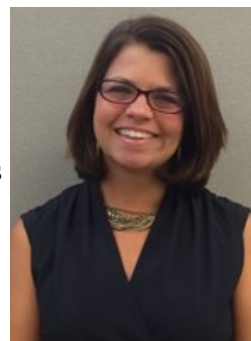
Great Bay Kids' Company hosted a table at the UNH Career and Internship Fair on October 28. Cathy DeWees, our Pease Program Administrator, and Dacia Lucas, our Pease Director, spent the afternoon handing out marketing materials, collecting resumes and spreading the word to potential employees about full-time and part-time positions available within our agency.

## GBKC Introduces Stephanie Canty

Stephanie Canty was hired as a public relations consultant for our agency in January of 2014 to complete some general marketing and publicity. She will continue working closely with agency management as the new Exeter Center comes to fruition.

Stephanie has a degree in Marketing from William Woods University in Missouri. She has spent the past twenty years as a marketing manager, then director and eventually opening her own consulting business 8 years ago. She has worked both in the Boston and New York City markets.

Her expertise is non-profit marketing and helping her clients use the many cost effective opportunities available to them to positively affect their bottom line while increasing their publicity in a positive manner. Her services are a perfect fit for Great Bay Kids' Company as her outside perspective offers an energy that is unique and can contribute to Great Bay reaching it's goals.



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### Calendar of Events

- **January 24, 2015**  
GBKC Annual Winter Festival hosted at our Pease Center  
81 NH Avenue  
Portsmouth, NH  
10am-12pm
- **April 16, 2015**  
GBKC Annual Children's Art Show  
81 NH Avenue  
Portsmouth, NH  
6:30-7:30pm
- **June 15, 2015**  
GBKC Annual Board Meeting  
81 NH Avenue  
Portsmouth, NH  
7:00pm

## Leadership Conferences

Kathleen Morneau (School Age Program Director ) attended the 1st State Summit for Leaders in Early Childhood hosted by Child Care Aware of New Hampshire on October 16th. Author Maurice Sykes (“Doing the Right Thing for Children - 8 Qualities of Leadership”) and facilitator Tessa MacDonnell provided an informative

and engaging day for those serving in an early childhood leadership role.



Wendy Monroe (Executive Director) and Catherine DeWees (Pease Center Program Administrator) attended the

8th Annual Conference for Managers, Supervisors, Team & Project Leaders: Influence \* Inspiration \* Impact, Achieving Leadership Excellence hosted by the University of New Hampshire.



## Fundraisers for GBKC Exeter Center Relocation

There are many ways to help raise money for Great Bay Kids' Company and everyone can contribute. If you like to eat or shop.... keep reading!

Starting this month with **Amazon Smile**, Great Bay parents, family and friends can add Great Bay Kids' Company to their Amazon account. You shop, Amazon gives. It doesn't change your shopping cart, pricing or anything. You select Great Bay Kids' Company as your Amazon Smile charity and we get \$.5% of your purchase. It can't be any simpler!

On December 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a special event at **Panera Bread** in Portsmouth. We are thrilled to be one of the first charities to be asked to host an evening at Panera. It's also simple, print out the flier we email you or that your child's teacher gives you on the 15<sup>th</sup>, go to Panera, enjoy something delicious and we get part of the proceeds from your order! Invite friends and family to meet you there! Or order a platter of bagels for your office for the next day. You eat, Great Bay Kids' wins!

In January, we will have another eat in but this time it will be at **Flatbreads Pizza** in Portsmouth! This company will donate a part of the proceeds from the evening to Great Bay Kids' Company as well. We will have a table to promote the excellent work we are doing with the children, a fun activity for the kids and an additional fundraiser that evening for the many diners!

Raising funds for Great Bay Kids' Company is a team effort and we hope you will join in as we grow in Exeter!

## Welcome Bekah Kistler

Bekah was hired by Great Bay Kids' Company in October 2014 as the Program Director at the Exeter location. Previously, Bekah has worked in a variety of child care settings including in-home care, large corporate centers and smaller, family-owned centers. She has taught in infant and toddler classrooms, lead a large school through the NAEYC Accreditation process and in 2012 she coordinated the start-up of a brand new center.

Bekah's work is to advocate for the best interest of the young child and she continues to strive daily towards creating high quality standards in early education. She has been inspired by the Reggio Emilia

philosophy of teaching and enjoys spending time in the classrooms to learn from the children when she is able to take time away from the daily running of the center. She also has a passion for creating and executing training programs for teachers and staff.

Bekah attended Manchester Community College and earned her Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education as she worked in the field as a young teacher. She decided to return to school in 2010 and attended Granite State College for her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She holds a credential through the NH Child Development Bureau as an Early Childhood Master Teacher, Level 2;

Early Childhood Master Professional with an Endorsement of Individual Mentor and a Program Consultant; Early Childhood Administrator, Level 3 with an Infant and Toddler Endorsement of Advanced Level.

In her free time, you can find her busy with her family including attending sporting events for her 3 children. You may also find her roller skating, spending time outside gardening, hiking or camping and trying out new healthy recipes.



# The Great Escape

Our 5th Annual Great Escape Fundraiser was held on Friday September 26th at the Rockingham Ballroom in Newmarket. We were able to raise over \$11,000.00. Thank you to our Sponsors, donors, families, friends and employees for supporting this event.

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**Sparkle Salt Dough**

***Ingredients***

3/4 cup cold water

1 tablespoon food coloring

1 cup salt

1/2 cup cornstarch

***Directions***

Pour the water and food coloring into a medium sized pan. Stir in the salt and cornstarch. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until the mixture thickens and gathers together. Take the lump of dough out and wrap in a paper towel. When it is cool, knead for a few minutes. This dough keeps well in a plastic bag in the refrigerator.