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## My Y Story

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I have been with the Y forty-one years. I started in college as a camp counselor at Mountain Mist Day Camp. After I graduated from Southern with my degree in early childhood education, I came back to the Y and have spent my career here. I've had many roles and worked with children at camp, in before and after school care and preschool. I now have former students bringing their children to our program and one of our board members was in my preschool program too.

I love working with kids and helping them learn and grow. I also love when we can help their families. We get such joy at Christmas time connecting families to resources whether it is a holiday dinner from the Y or presents from the United Way Giving Tree.

I truly feel like I was put on this earth to work with children.

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