



MSVP Volunteer Spotlight



Every month, we introduce one of our valuable MSVP volunteers. If you'd like to recommend someone you've seen make a difference representing MSVP, let us know. This month, we're spotlighting **Madelyn Wisby**.

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

-- John Weasley

A Heart for Service

For Madelyn, giving back isn't just something she does – it's a responsibility and a way of life. Growing up, she learned the importance of helping others from her mother and older sister, who always found ways to support those in need. Whether it was volunteering with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts or assisting orphaned children during the holidays, service has been ingrained in her from an early age.

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Director's Corner

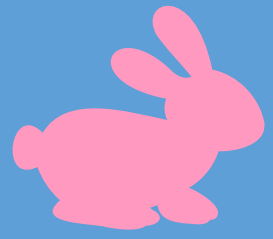
Thank you to all of our great volunteers who are always getting things done. You are a blessing to so many in our community. Thank you for what you do for MSVP. Our big update last month was that our **AmeriCorps Seniors Grant was NOT renewed**. The good news is that the Monroe County Area Agency on Aging (MCAAA) has taken over our volunteer program and moved us to the Loder Senior Center, 2nd floor. We will stay the same program that we have always been, but sadly without Erica. Without the grant, Erica's salary was not in the numbers. She was offered a position with the Aging office and declined. **Erica's last day will be Tuesday, 4/22/25**. She will be missed! Best of Luck to you Erica, on your next adventure.

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New Location



In case you did not see the email that was sent out ... **MSVP has moved locations.** We are now located on the second floor of the **Loder Senior Center**. Our new address is:

**62 Analomink Street
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301**

MSVP's phone number will remain the same, 570-420-3747. We no longer have a fax line. Timesheets can be mailed or emailed to the office.

We still encourage everyone to come and visit! There is a parking lot available for visitors located on North Kistler Street (across the alley from the back of the building). You can enter through the back of the building. There is a doorbell/buzzer to ring to enter the building, then you can take the stairs or elevator to the second floor.

Director's Corner (cont'd)

Moving forward: We will continue to run our 4 main programs of Grocery Shopping, Friendly Visiting and Phone calls, Medical Transportation and Minor Home Repair. I will work with our dedicated office staff of volunteers to continue to process the requests and time sheets. Yes, your time sheets are still due monthly. As you can see from the front page, we are now the **Monroe Senior Volunteer Program, MSVP**. We are currently working on updating all of our forms. New paperwork will be sent out to you soon. Please be patient with the process.

The **Recognition Luncheon and Talent Show** for June 12th 2025 at Mt. Airy Resort, had to be **postponed**. You should have gotten an email or phone call. We are planning on doing something in the fall, so stay tuned.

We are pleased to announce we continue to have new volunteers join MSVP! Please continue to spread the word that our community still needs volunteers, especially for the medical transportation and the minor home repair programs. Thank you, volunteers, for making MSVP a hub of community volunteers who are getting things done & making an impact on our community. We truly appreciate the love you spread.

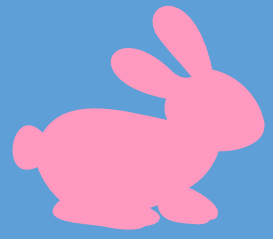
Good communication is the key to keeping us informed. This is a 2-way street. We need your help. **If your contact information has changed**, phone number, address, email, please alert the office so that we can update our records. Thank you for being a team player!

Blessings,

Neal

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Making a Difference with MSVP

Since joining MSVP over a year ago, Madelyn has been using her computer skills to help seniors, checking obituaries, grocery shopping for those who need assistance, and supporting various community events. She is also instrumental in planning this year's Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and serves as a new member of the MSVP Advisory Council. She finds deep reward in knowing that even small efforts can make a big impact in someone's life.

An Unexpected Path to Volunteering

Her journey with MSVP started in an unexpected way—after making an inquiry at Senator Rosemary Brown's office, she was encouraged to reach out to MSVP. She made the call to Neal and the rest is history!

A Career of Adventure and Education

Madelyn explored several different career paths before starting on her latest adventure, volunteering at MSVP. Early on, her desire was to travel. She found a home at Scandinavian Airlines for 15 years before moving to the Poconos in 1985. While attending ESU, she worked locally as a travel agent. After graduation, Madelyn wore many hats for several years, working as a substitute teacher, teaching grades K-12, Special Education, and ESL throughout the school districts in Monroe County. Eventually she settled in Easton School District and taught there for the next 10 years before retiring to help with her grandkids.

"If you want to feel truly fulfilled, volunteer."

-- Madelyn Wisby



Madelyn and Lorry Montano representing MSVP last year.

Why Volunteering Matters

For Madelyn, volunteering is about more than just giving time—it's about fulfillment, purpose, and carrying on the tradition of service. She believes that:

- Giving of yourself brings joy and personal satisfaction.
- We all have a responsibility to give back to our communities.
- Even small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in someone's life.

Encouraging Others to Join MSVP

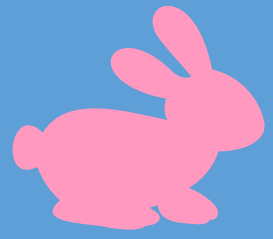
Her advice to others? "If you want to feel truly fulfilled, volunteer. The impact you make on others is nothing compared to the joy it brings to your own heart."

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Beyond Volunteering

When she's not volunteering, Madelyn enjoys spending time with her grandkids, planning trips to Disney, and unwinding at Mt. Airy or Wind Creek for a little gambling fun!

Join MSVP Today!

Inspired by Madelyn's story? MSVP is always looking for dedicated volunteers to help make a difference in the community. Whether you're interested in event planning, assisting seniors, or lending a helping hand at community events, there's a place for you. Join us and be part of something bigger! Whether you're new or ready to jump back in, we'd love to welcome you. Contact Neal at the MSVP office at (570) 420-3747 to find out how you can contribute your time and talent!

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Dina Gallagher
MSVP Volunteer



Volunteers Needed



Serving the seniors in our community is a pillar of our program. Unfortunately, we currently we have some seniors who need our help, but we do not have volunteers available in their area.

Please take a look at the information below and let the office know if you would be available to help. You can respond to this email or give us a call, 570-420-3747. Thank you for your help!

Grocery Shopper for a 67 year old female in East Stroudsburg (18301) with medication pick-up; she has 2 cats and smokes.

Friendly Visitor for a 68 year old male in Kunkletown who likes hunting, cooking, and games shows; he has a dog and he smokes.

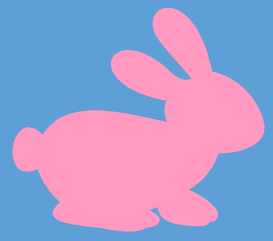
Friendly Visitor for a 67 year old male in Canadensis who likes gardening, food, music, and chess.

Friendly Visitor for a 91 year old female in Kunkletown who likes crocheting, puzzles, and games shows; she smokes.

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Meet the Office Volunteers



Cheryl Boyd



Vi Gleason



Nora Goodwin



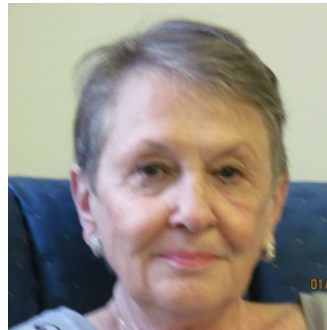
Debra Hamill



Mary Alice Holmes



Debra Kennelly



Val Porcelan



Rosalie Richardson



Dolores Williams



Madelyn Wisby

A special thank you to these wonderful ladies who come to the office every week and help us with everything from shredding and answering phones to filling requests and helping with the Recognition Event. Not only are they hard workers, they brighten up our days. We appreciate all you do!

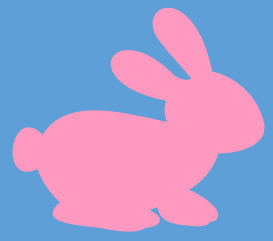
Not Pictured: **Ruth Dowling**

**Thank
You** A large red heart with several short blue lines radiating outwards from its top and right sides.

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Community Calendar

April

15th: TAX DAY

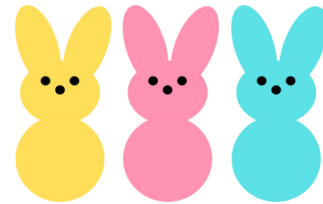
18th: MSVP OFFICE CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY

20th: Easter

22nd: Earth Day

23rd - 25th: Pennsylvania Department of Aging Volunteer Conference, Pittsburgh

26th: Dementia Caregiver Support group, Stroudsburg & Cresco



*RSVP Station

May

2nd: Dancin' Through the Decades (a benefit for *Meals on Wheels**), Desaki Restaurant

4th: PATH* Walk, Courthouse Square, Stroudsburg

6th: Children's Roundtable presents Community Night at NCC - Monroe*, 3pm to 8pm

26th: MSVP OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY



Community Partner: CARIE/SMP



Are you looking for an interesting and dynamic volunteer experience? Well MSVP has the answer for you. Become a volunteer member of the **Senior Medicare Patrol!**

Members of the Senior Medicare Patrol **educate the senior population about frauds and scams** by presenting to different groups, organizations, and at senior fairs. No prior experience is necessary. The Center for the Advocacy, Rights, and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE) provide you with the training you will need. It is simple and will broaden your mind and understanding of Healthcare Fraud and Scams.

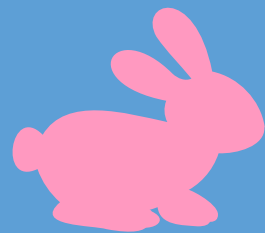
It is a rewarding experience to share valuable information with others who may fall prey to scammers. All materials are provided for your presentations. Preparation and travel time is minimal and you choose where you want to go. As an extra treat for your efforts, you receive a stipend of \$30 for each presentation.

Healthcare Fraud and Scams cost over \$70 billion in tax dollars every year. Are you interested in being part of the solution? Call the MSVP Office today for more information, 570-420-3747.

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MSVP Volunteers in Action



LEFT: MSVP Volunteers Ted Zak, Sue Zak, Al Raudabaugh, Mary Ann Abbondante, Barbara Schlegel, and Nancy Koch helped our Community Partners, **Middle Smithfield Township**, with a large bulk mailing, preparing 1200 pieces.

BELOW: They also jumped in to help the **Easter Bunny** prep over 200 Easter eggs!



RIGHT: MSVP Volunteers Al Raudabaugh, Nancy Koch, Linda Taubert, Winona Whelpley, and Teresa Nelson helped our Community Partner, **Monroe County Meals on Wheels**, with a project, tagging 200 bottles.

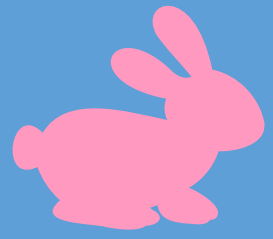


*Thank you for helping our
Community Partners!*

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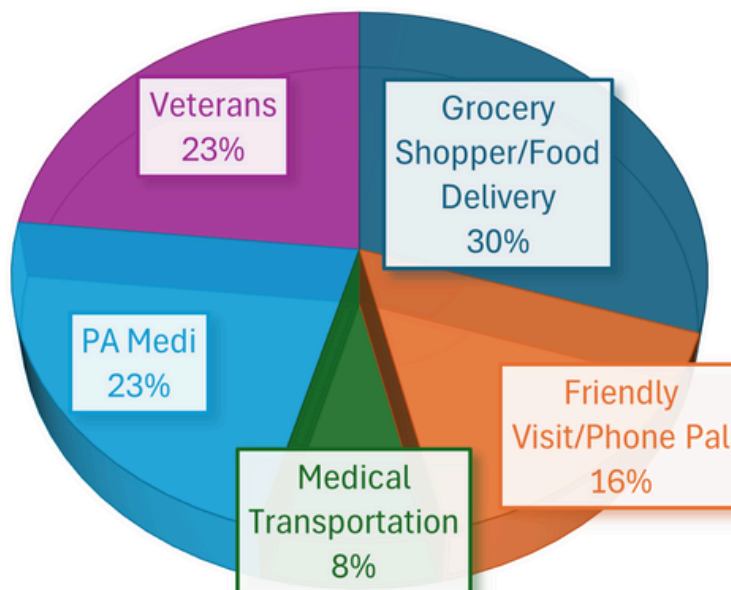


MSVP's IMPACT is profound in our community!

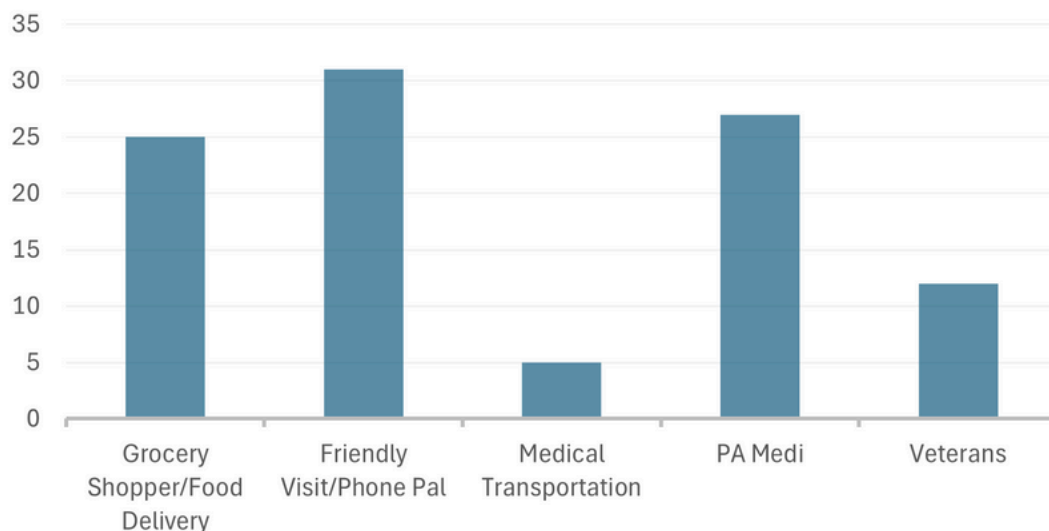
Ever wonder what programs most of our volunteer hours go to? Well wonder no more! Take a look at this graph to see the breakdown of **February's** hours!



FEBRUARY HOURS SERVED



FEBRUARY PEOPLE SERVED

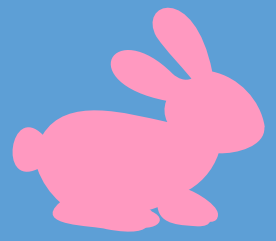


This is just a small slice of the approximate \$1 million MSVP volunteers save the county each year with their service!

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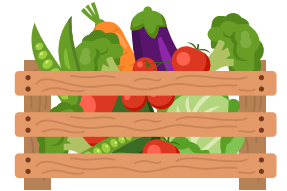


Volunteer Help Needed



The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program will be kicking off in June and volunteers are needed. This year, vouchers will be picked up **in person** instead of being mailed out to the recipients. Volunteers are needed to help at the on-site locations to **assist with handing out the vouchers**. This year, seniors receive a \$25 voucher to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers. The dates, locations, and times are listed below. If you would like to help with the Farmer's Market Program, please **contact Denise Dunkelberger at 570-420-3726 or ddunkelberger@monroecountypa.gov**. Thank you!

June



Tuesday, June 3rd (9am - 12pm) at Mountain Senior Center, Tobyhanna
Wednesday, June 4th (9am - 12pm) at Middle Smithfield Community Center, East Stroudsburg
Thursday, June 5th (9am - 12pm) at Westgate Apartments, Stroudsburg
Monday, June 9th (9am - 12pm) at Whitestone Apartments, Stroudsburg
Tuesday, June 10th (9am - 11am) at Belmont Knolls Apartments, Mt Pocono
(11am - 1pm) at Knob Crest Apartments, Mt Pocono
Wednesday, June 11th (9am - 12pm) at Loder Senior Center, East Stroudsburg
Thursday, June 12th (9am - 12pm) at Chestnuthill Senior Center, Brodheadsville
Tuesday, June 17th (9am - 12pm) at Oaks, Wisteria, Hawks Nest, Cresco
Wednesday, June 18th (1pm - 3:30pm) at Hamilton Manor, Stroudsburg
Tuesday, June 24th (9am - 12pm) at Avon Court, East Stroudsburg
Wednesday, June 25th (1pm - 3:30pm) at Shirley Futch Plaza, East Stroudsburg
Thursday, June 26th (9am - 12pm) at Eldred Township Community Center, Kunkletown



July

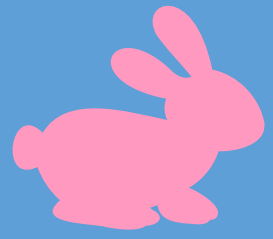
Tuesdays (10am - 12pm) and Wednesday (1pm - 3pm) in July at Loder Senior Center



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Updates from the Office

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!

We look forward to working with you!

Our numbers are keeping steady. Please be patient with the onboarding process. It can take some time, and while MSVP will make this a priority, sometimes things are beyond our control. Please call or email us to stay in touch. We appreciate the new help with serving our community the best way we know.

We are proud, we are strong, and MSVP leads the way in serving our neighbors in need. Please help us out by staying in touch with the office. We are here to answer any questions or concerns. Thank you again. Plus, please continue to spread the word, MSVP needs volunteers.

WELCOME

Frances Nelson

SPECTACULAR:

SPECTACULAR is our program that teaches Spanish to preschoolers, 3 to 5 year old. The **Spring Semester** runs through **May 14th, 2025**. This spring we have a smaller class size of 4 children which allows the volunteers to give each child individual attention. Thank you to our SPECTACULAR team for all of their hard work and dedication to this program!



Minor Home Repair (MHR):

We are happy to announce that this program will open to new requests in May. We can still use some extra hands to help out. If you are able to contribute, please give the office a call.



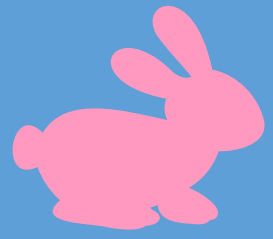
Community Happenings:

I know everyone is very busy, but please make sure our office is aware of your community happenings so we can advertise for them! We appreciate what our volunteers are doing to make our communities better so we want to advertise and salute the cause. You are a blessing and we appreciate you. Now all you need to do is send us an email or write it down on your timesheet so that we can be proactive with our newsletter.



Senior Express Times:

Are you signed up for the Monroe County Seniors' Express Times Newsletter? Please call the Area Agency on Aging at 570-420-3735 and ask to be signed up. You can get a printed copy mailed to you or an email.



Updates from the Office (cont'd)

ABUSE OR NEGLECT?

If you ever have a question about how to follow up with issues, concerns, abuse or neglect, please call the Monroe County Area Agency on Aging at 570-420-3735. They will guide you through the process to make sure all seniors stay safe and sound in Monroe County. Monroe County Area Agency on Aging has 24/7 on-call services. If in doubt, please call and report your concern.



We are still collecting timesheets!

The information you provide us on your timesheet is still incredibly useful to our program so please continue to send them.

We will be updating the forms soon, but until then, please continue to use the previous version. If you need a timesheet, please let us know!

Timesheets can be:

Mailed: 62 Analomink Street
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Emailed: ngallagher@monrocountypa.gov

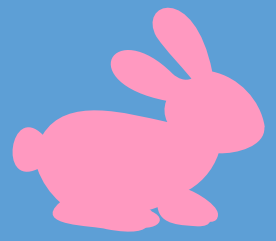
**If you haven't already,
please send in your timesheet.**

**If you are behind on timesheets, please call us at the office so we can help you get back on track!*

THANK YOU!

Our community thrives
when MSVP is out and
"getting things done!"
Please stop by the office
and say hello. We look
forward to it.

**THANK
YOU!**



The Comedy Corner

with Barbara Schlegel

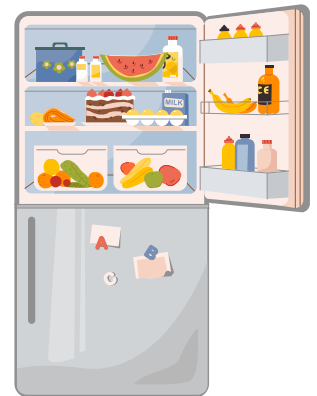


Want some Easter advice?
Don't put all your eggs in one
basket!



Why did the moron salute the
refrigerator?
He heard it was General Electric

What's the best way to catch the
Easter bunny?
Have someone throw him at you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR VOLUNTEERS BORN IN APRIL!

Wishing you a wonderful day full of good times
and happy memories! Please know that we
deeply appreciate you. You are a valuable
volunteer we are honored to work with.

Neal

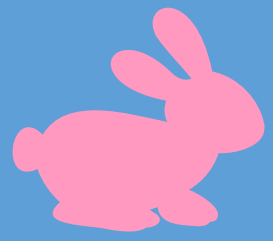
Erica

... and all your friends at RSVP

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Donations Needed:

- Clean yarn and cotton fabric
- Greeting cards



MSVP is looking for volunteers interested in being a **Friendly Visitor** in all areas of the county, especially males. **Drivers** are need to assist with medical transportation requests. Must be willing to drive Aging car and pass driver's license check. Volunteers are needed to help with the **Minor Home Repair** program and in the **Office**.

Volunteer Opportunities



VALOR in Jonas is seeking volunteer help with:

- sorting clothing donations
- garden maintenance
- meal preparation for 12 to 13 individuals
- office help (answer phones, light clerical work)
- assistance at Stand Downs in East Stroudsburg



PVEN in Brodheadsville is looking for assistance in sorting clothing donations.

Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays from 9am - 12pm.



PATH in Stroudsburg needs help with reception duties and client intake (training provided).

Monday - Friday, 4 hour shifts available from 9am - 5pm.



Habitat for Humanity in Marshalls Creek is seeking volunteer help at retail store. Volunteer opportunities include customer service, stocking, unloading items, and sorting donations. Wednesday - Saturday, 9am to 6pm; they are also in need of front desk help to answer phones on Mondays.



Meals on Wheels in Stroudsburg is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals to homebound clients. Routes available throughout Monroe County.



Senior Medicare Patrol is looking for volunteers to give presentations to other older adults throughout the county on fraud and scam prevention. Training provided.



Loder Senior Center in East Stroudsburg is looking for volunteers to call Bingo and keep track of the numbers board. Monday through Friday from 12pm to 1pm.



Several Personal Care Homes are seeking volunteers to perform for residents, assist with activities and interact with seniors by playing games or cards including **Spring Village** (East Stroudsburg), **Grace Park** (Stroudsburg), & **Gluco Lodge** (Stroudsburg)

If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities listed in this newsletter, please call the MSVP Office at 570-420-3747 so we can connect you with our community partners. Thank you!

A Note from Erica

To My Dearest Volunteers,

You have received many, many notes and emails from me in the last three years. This one, by far, is the hardest to write.

Our program has weathered some changes these last two months and is still standing strong. Unfortunately, it is going to have to withstand one more. Without our grant, there is not enough funding to support my position in the program so I must say farewell to all of you.

First and foremost, I have loved working with all of you and have enjoyed my work with the program immensely. But let's be honest, it never truly felt like work. Every day was a new adventure and I couldn't wait to see where it would take me.

I hope all of you know just how fantastic you are. Your passion and dedication and heart are absolutely awe-inspiring. I have learned so much from all of you, so thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Our building is different, our name is different, but our mission remains the same.

I wish you all the best and know that I will miss you!



Erica ☺

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard?"
- Winnie the Pooh

