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About Me

Born and raised in Alexandria, MN

B.S. & M.S. in Communications: University of Minnesota & University of Utah respectively

Public Information Officer: Salt Lake Community Mental Health Center

Professional Nurse Recruiter: LDS Hospital (Salt Lake City); at Cottonwood Hospital (Murray, UT); for 17 hospitals of Intermountain Health Care (headquarters Salt Lake City)

Stay at home mom after son was born with severe, multiple disabilities due to anoxia at birth (began working part time, 1995); Jason's advocate in matters of health care, education, support services and community acceptance for people with disabilities and their families; advocate for aging mother upon admission to long term care facility

Parent Consultant for Utah Parent Center with focus on Transition Planning for students with disabilities; Project Coordinator for Educated Transition Choices ; and Family Alliances for Supports Today & Tomorrow – FASTT (Center for Persons with Disabilities, University Center for Excellence on Developmental Disabilities, Utah Parent Center)

Regional Coordinator for Windmill Project (serving families of children, birth to 21, who have disabilities in 8 counties of west central Minnesota) and establishing The Windmill Project as an independent 501(c)(3) organization (retired December 31, 2013)

What I hope to accomplish by running and main priorities at the Capitol if elected

It is time for elected officials to set aside their differences and seek solutions rather than excuses. It means putting myself in the picture as "a serious player" who will listen respectfully to viewpoints that differ from mine. It is time to make sure that the common good of the people of Minnesota is established through responsible public action. I believe law makers should be held accountable and responsible for understanding the issues, problems and possible solutions. They need to demonstrate problem solving skills and communication that is constructive and leads to positive impacts.

With my personal experiences as mother of a child with disabilities and daughter of an aging mother with progressive dementia, health and human services are of prime importance to me. Wise investments of tax dollars must be made in:

- education, from preschool to post- secondary, including retraining for displaced workers
- addressing outdated infrastructure
- affordable, fast, dependable internet access statewide
- develop a long-term plan for transportation needs (including services for people with disabilities) and
- environmental stewardship so our water is safe and improvements to air quality continue.