

Celebrating 25 years of Lisa Reams

In her 25+ years of employment with Our Family Services, Lisa Reams has helped the organization through 3 mergers, trained hundreds of staff and volunteers, ensured community mediation services remained available to those in conflict in the community, and was recognized as a top “40 under 40” leader in Tucson. However, Lisa is most proud of playing a key part in developing Our Family’s positive organizational culture— including acknowledgment as one of the country’s “50 Best Nonprofits to Work For.”

Lisa began working at Our Family Services well before turning 21, and in over two decades she implemented structures where none existed before, created a comprehensive human resources program from scratch, brought momentum and energy to expand care and support for elders, and even facilitated a powerful intervention that brought safety and security to a young Maori woman in New Zealand!

When talking about the evolution of the organization, she says “Our Family helped me grow up, and I helped it grow up. We started out as smaller, separate grassroots organizations and have become a larger, complex, multi-service organization. My goal through those transitions was to retain the small hometown agency feel of all staff and volunteers mattering, having a voice, and being treated with respect and kindness.”

So where is Lisa going, you ask? She is taking some well-deserved time off before she explores where in the community she can have impact next. She plans to travel, volunteer, visit family, and spend time with her beloved pups. She also intends to nurture valued friendships, prioritize wellness and mindfulness, and experiment with new recipes.

As Lisa bids farewell, she thanks Our Family for providing an abundance of growth opportunities, both personal and professional, and wishes the organization all the best. We certainly wish her all the best as well. Our deepest gratitude, Lisa!

