

Member Spotlight Questionnaire: Maggie Colwell

Why are you a member of IWCF?

I believe in giving back to my community in as many ways as possible. I am excited to meet and interact with other women who have similar volunteer and philanthropic interests.

Describe your role with IWCF.

I am a brand-new member, and am interested in learning more about the ways I can help support IWCF and the Treasure Valley community, as well as Idaho as a whole.

What are your top 5 strengths (from StrengthsFinder)?

I have not completed StrengthsFinder yet.

What does true leadership mean to you?

One who understands what their strengths and weaknesses are, and can surround themselves with others who complement those.

One who knows that a true leader takes in all the information, suggestions, background, and opinions and is then prepared to make the final decision.

One who can motivate and provide the tools for someone else to be successful and doesn't necessarily need to micro-manage or take over and do the work themselves.

Is what you're doing right now what you always wanted to do growing up?

In some ways, but there are always opportunities to grow. I'm on my way to achieving that.

What is something that makes you feel accomplished?

My children.

What was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?

My five years as a lobbyist just out of college.

What is one thing you cannot resist? *Travel.*

What is your favorite thing to do? *Travel.*

What is one of your favorite books or authors?

Jhumpa Lahiri and Fredrik Backman

Describe a typical day in your life.

Wake up and make my kids breakfast, head to work, try to fit a workout in, watch one or both of my kids play sports, read, and repeat.

If you could take a two-week long vacation anywhere, where would you go?

I have been blessed to have been to so many amazing places already but the next life-goal trip is hiking in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

Tell us something about yourself that might surprise us.

I grew up in a small town in Alaska, and the first years of my life lived on a very remote homestead where we provided most of our own food and didn't have running water or electricity.

Who is someone you admire?

My children, without a doubt. They are my inspiration.

Favorite quote(s)?

"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you figure out why." - Mark Twain

"Whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well." Philip Stanhope

"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." A.A. Milne

What have you seen lately that made you smile?

Birthday messages from my dear friends.

What is the craziest thing you've ever done and would you do it again?

Three-way tie between swim in an underground cenote in Mexico (with cave spiders and bats!), walk the rope bridges in Costa Rica surrounded by snakes and spiders (oh my!), and move to Boise at 18 to go to college at 18 knowing no one and not having a clue how to do the college thing, being the first in my family to go the traditional college route.

And YES I'd do it all over again!