Member Profile

This week's feature : Hilary Lucas

Hilary was born in Cleveland and grew up in Parma, Ohio. Her family included a younger sister named Taylor that lives in New York City. Their Mom lives in Parma,their father passed away in 2021. After graduating from high school, Hilary attended Ohio University (OU Oh Yeah! Go Bobcats) She majored in Creative Writing and Communications. She met her boyfriend named Kris through mutual friends. Keeping her safe at home is a cat named Bacon.

Hilary was struggling to find a professional career after college and Beverly Braun reached out and said the company she was working with needed a Case Manager. She began her professional experience with Cornucopia Inc. as a Case Manager for young adults with disabilities providing vocational and career development training. In 2015 she joined Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee services and served as a Job Developer to newly arrived refugees. Within two years Hilary was promoted to Program Manager of refugee employment services and volunteer programming. In 2021 she transitioned over to the Immigration Legal Services team and continued to work as an Intake and Referral Specialist

serving refugees, immigrants and detained/undocumented populations. With a strong desire to stay busy, in 2017 she joined Prince of Peace (after persuasion from Beverly again) and continues to love serving this congregation and the youth! As a staff member, she holds the position of Youth Director and assists in Christian Education and Worship activities.

Dance is a passion Hilary has enjoyed since the age of three and will find any opportunity to dance, no matter where she is or what she is doing. Her favorite style growing up was always Ballet, but she tried a little bit of everything and was frequently in local, regional and national dance competitions. In her adult life Hilary has performed with the Cleveland Dance Project, was a part of a Bachata performance team and taught salsa lessons at Viva Dance Studio, prior to COVID. Now, she is currently taking Argentine tango lessons and Spanish language lessons.

Her other interests in the area include participating in high fashion runway shows. The Madison and The Cleveland Museum of Art events included many participants with local news television programs promoting them.

Something that people may not know is that one of her clients named their baby after her ! Hilary has some future plans she is looking forward to. She loves to travel and is always open to recommendations. In 2024 she plans to travel to Las Vegas, Chicago, San Diego, Los Angeles, Puerto Rico and maybe even Japan! After 9 years with Catholic Charities, she is looking forward to pivoting her professional career. Any job opportunities that people are aware of are most welcome. Her Curriculum Vitae is available to share as well.

There are many highlights to offer of Hilary and her involvement at POP. Several come to mind including a Cultural Immersion experience to El Salvador , ELCA National Youth Gatherings, and other fundraisers for youth focused missions. ELCA youth grades 9-12 and Christian Education K-8 are focuses she has been involved in with Bev Braun. As we see Sunday service attendance rising with many new families, we can be thankful for Hilary’s efforts!

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