Heidi Bliss Codirector, Children's Center Preschool

I grew up on the West Coast and settled as a young adult in Mountain View. My husband and I raised our children in the area, and our grandchildren are our current joy.

I have had the honor of working with children for more than 20 years. Preschoolers keep you young and laughing. I could not imagine my life without the energy and honesty of children. I also worked for years as a volunteer with a local youth theatre organization. The theatre kids were older, and because of my two passions, I can say, "Teenagers and toddlers are some of my favorite people."

I now have the privilege of sharing the codirector responsibilities of the Children's Center with Dee Gray, along with a terrific administrative team and staff. With the support of LAUMC, we serve approximately 175 children and their families. The connection and reciprocity from all of these intertwined relationships give my life meaning and contentment.