

## JENNIFER BERTHELOT-JELOVIC (President of the Board)

Born and raised in Stow, Ohio, as a teenager in Akron, Ohio, Jennifer she was a member of SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) and Social Action, and was the youngest member of the Board of Directors for Gennesaret, a non-profit organization aimed at feeding and educating the poor of the community, and enabling motivated fathers, mothers and their children to purchase a home of their own.

Jennifer also taught swimming lessons at Easter Seals Swimming Program for more than 200 hours, providing lessons and therapy for people ages 3-70 years old, ranging in disabilities from mild to severe CP, stroke, accident trauma, behavior, learning disabilities and A.D.D. She also volunteered organizing and executing the Joyful Witness, Faith and Light Retreats serving children with mental retardation and their families. She spent more than 150 hours as a volunteer Candy Striper at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, where she gave tours; a responsibility usually reserved for adult volunteers. Jennifer also worked at CYO Camp Christopher in Bath, Ohio, and spent three summers working with campers with special needs as their primary caregiver. In 1995, Jennifer was awarded for all of this volunteer work by the Soroptimist Club of Akron with the Youth Citizenship Award.

Jennifer earned a degree in Social Work with a minor in Psychology from Ohio University in 1999. While in school she served as Vice President of the Student Social Work Association (SSWA). While in SSWA, she volunteered at the ABLE Lab tutoring adults working to obtain their GED's. Jennifer was also a member of Corp. for Youth where she volunteered at local schools tutoring children struggling in different areas, and served as the Vice President of CEASE (Coalition Educating About Sexual Endangerment). She interned at the Tri-County Mental Health and Counseling Services' Sexual Assault Survivor Advocate Program.

Jennifer began speaking about Radical Social Work and the Prevention of Sexual Assault at conferences such as the Ohio College Association of Social Work Educators Conference. She was then honored as a member of Alpha Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society; an honor organization dedicated to high standards of training, excellence of scholarship, and the distinction of achievement in social work. She received the Community Service Leadership Award presented to one graduating Senior for their contribution to the Athens community, Ohio University and the Social Work Department, in the areas of volunteer, service and leadership, chosen by a panel of Social Work Professors and Social Work Students. During College, Jennifer also worked for two additional CYO organizations; Respite and Summer Recreation. She spent several summers as a Summer Rec. Camp Counselor for children aged 5-22 with special needs. She spent Saturday nights working for CYO's Respite Program where she worked with Young to Mid-Adults with special needs to offer relief for their Caregivers.

Jennifer went on to attend Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. While at Case she interned at Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau in the Specialized Foster Care Department. She graduated from Case with a Masters in Applied Social Sciences with a concentration in Management, learning special skills to run a non-profit.

While working toward her Masters at Case, she worked on two feature films. In 2000, Jennifer and her then-fiance, now-husband Dennis, moved to Los Angeles, California, so that she could work in the Motion Picture & Music Industry. She spent two years freelancing in television and movie production as a Production Coordinator, Assistant Director and Unit Production Manager. In 2002, upon returning to Los Angeles after her honeymoon, she was offered a full-time job at Shangri-La Entertainment (SLE). SLE has credits including "The Polar Express", "Beowulf", "Heart of Gold" and Jerry Lee Lewis' new album, "Last Man Standing". Jennifer has been happily employed in Business Affairs at Shangri-La ever since.