Michelle Schmitz, President

Michelle joined the Happy Kids Network (HKN) Board in 2014 as the new manager of our signature programs around food and clothing. Michelle became President of the Board in 2016. She is currently a high school teacher in the School District of Wisconsin Dells (SDWD). In addition to teaching Biology and AP Biology for the district, Michelle is also the Student Council and National Honor Society Adviser, a mentor to new teachers at Wisconsin Dells High School, and a member of the SDWD Leadership Team. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from UW-Madison in Biology and Secondary Education and her Master's Degree from UW-LaCrosse in Professional Development. She is married with three children. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, playing with her dogs, walking, yoga, and watching the Brewers.

Dawn Crum, Vice President

Dawn's journey with our organization began in 2018 as a volunteer for the Holiday Market. Her passion for our mission grew, and in 2021 she joined the Board. In her role as the Wisconsin Dells Middle School liaison, she provides crucial support to students, including daily snacks, school supplies, clothing, and toiletries. In 2025, Dawn was elected Vice President of the Board, where she now focuses on grants and fundraising. With 15 years of experience as a Special Education Teaching Assistant, Dawn is currently a math teacher at Wisconsin Dells Middle School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Wisconsin Governor's University. When she isn't teaching or volunteering, Dawn enjoys spending time with her family, fishing, hiking, and kayaking.

Brittany Thew, Secretary

Brittany joined the Happy Kids Network (HKN) in 2025 to become more involved in community outreach for the School District of Wisconsin Dells. Brittany is an elementary teacher for SDWD at Spring Hill Elementary. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from UW-Superior, and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership through Viterbo. Brittany has a passion for teaching reading and earned her Reading 316 certification through Viterbo as well. She is married with one child that keeps her on her toes. She enjoys spending time with her family, golfing, cooking, and reading when she has the opportunity.

Amanda Cone, Treasurer

Amanda joined the Happy Kids Network Board in late 2018 as our new Treasurer, when our previous Treasurer moved out of the area. She is a strong operations professional with vast knowledge about not for profits. She is currently the Senior Accounting Manager for Kalahari Resort in Lake Delton. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. In her free time, Amanda enjoys travelling, being outside, and spending time with friends and family.

Tiffany Hess, Food Coordinator

Tiffany joined the Happy Kids network in 2023 shortly after moving to the area. She has a heart for helping people and loves getting to know her community through this program. Tiffany enjoys family life with her husband and two daughters, playing in the garden, and getting lost in nature.

Lila Hess, Volunteer Coordinator

Lila joined the Happy Kids Network in 2023 as a student volunteer. In her junior year she took on the role as a Market Manager. Currently a Senior in the Wisconsin Dells School District, she looks forward to expanding her experience and developing her skills in this new role as Volunteer Coordinator. Lila is an online student which allows her to be an active participant with various roles in the Market. Lila enjoys playing sports throughout the entire year, as well as spending time outdoors and having time with family.

Katie Slosarek, Member at Large

Katie joined the Happy Kids Network (HKN) Board in 2021. Katie first volunteered for Happy Kids Network at their mobile food pantries during the start of COVID in 2020, where she wanted to do more for the community. Katie is the Happy Kids Network School Representative for Spring Hill Elementary School where she assists students in receiving clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and food. She is currently a 4 Year-Old-Kindergarten teacher in the School District of Wisconsin Dells (SDWD). In addition to teaching 4K, Katie is a Spring Hill Elementary School PTO Board Member, an Executive Board Member of the Wisconsin Dells Teachers Association, and a member of the SDWD Leadership Team. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Edgewood University in Elementary Education with Certifications in both Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood to Middle Childhood Regular Education. In 2024, Katie won a Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellow Award for her work as an educator and the impact she has in the SDWD community. Katie and her husband enjoy traveling to different cities to watch the Milwaukee Brewers. They have a goal of seeing the Brewers play in every Major League Baseball Stadium in the United States and Canada.

Kelly Kienbaum, Member at Large

Kelly joined the Happy Kids Network Board in 2022 and brings a deep commitment to supporting children and families in the Wisconsin Dells community. She currently serves as a Teacher Assistant for Special Education at the elementary level within the School District of Wisconsin Dells, following three years as a substitute assistant before becoming a full-time staff member. Kelly plays an active role in delivering Happy Kids Network services at Spring Hill School, helping provide essential items such as clothing, toiletries, school supplies, and food to students in need. Her dedication to education and community engagement extends beyond the classroom—she has served as President of Spring Hill's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for the past four years and also volunteers as an assistant with the Wisconsin Dells Education Foundation Program. Kelly is married and the proud mother of two daughters who attend school in the district. In her free time, she enjoys cleaning, walking, and spending quality time with her family and friends.