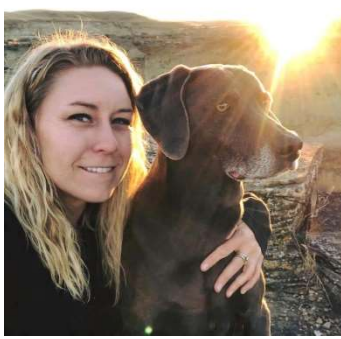




**MYDA's**  
**Amazing**  
**Board Members**



**Tonya Fuhrmann- President of MYDA**

Ive been type 1 since I was 9. For the past 22 years I have been involved with camp. I created MYDA with the help of Karen Giesy Novemeber 2019. March 2020 the 9 person board and 34 person committee was brought together to form the ultimatly best non-profit volunteer group one could ask for. I love spending time with my precious baby boy Cassius Clay (pictured) and my other half Travis. We like to race, adventure and work on projects together.



**Gabe Blomquist PA-Medical Coordinator**

I was born in Helena and grew up in the small towns of Harlowton and Ryegate MT. I attended Carroll College in Helena for my undergraduate studies before getting my Physician’s Assistant Degree from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT. I have worked at Billings Clinic Diabetes and Endocrinology as a PA since 2014, specializing in management of type 1 and type 2 diabetes. I have been part of camp as medical coordinator since 2015. I am blessed with a beautiful wife Cassie, and two wonderful children, McLain and RoriMae. I love the great Montana outdoors, hunting and fishing is one of my favorite pastimes.



**Merna Terry- Treasurer of MYDA/Projects and Initiatives**

I became involved with Type1 when my son was diagnosed in 2016 as a young adult. I feel camp experiences can be some of the best memories and learning experiences available when you are a child. I want to ensure that all kids with T1D can also have an opportunity for those experiences. That is why I am so excited to be involved with MYDA.



**Jonathan Hampton- Vice President and Fundraising Chair for MYDA**

My entire family is a large supporter of MYDA and helping families with type 1 diabetes. I grew up and attended college in Florida, moving to Montana in 1992. I am the executive diabetes care specialist with Novo Nordisk. For the past 7 years I have been a volunteer councilor at camp. I have been blessed with SaraJane, my beautiful wife for 23 years. Together we have 2 children, Jaden (17) and Ruby (16). Jaden also volunteers for MYDA as the website digital marketing.



**Mary Tripp-Secretary for MYDA**

Hello! I am Mary, and I have had T1D for 26 years! Camp has been such a passionate thing in my life as I was a camper myself at a young age. I am here to share my life experiences with other kids as well. I have other passions as well, like hunting, fishing, camping, and my family. I have been a cosmetologist for 12 years and an owner of a salon for 6 years, and although T1D can be challenging, I choose to live my best life and have control of it the best I can!



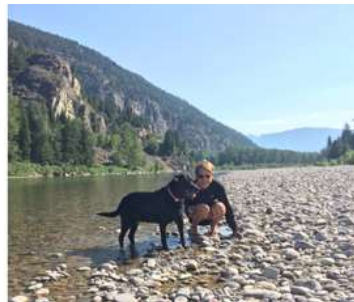
**Jeremy Rolfsmeyer-Marketing Chair Board Member**

I am a father of a 13 year old Type One Diabetic named Thymen. I have been working at Harley-Davidson for the last 7 years as the Marketing Manager and enjoy long walks on the beach. I am very active on a lot of the Online T1 parent support groups, and have been a repeat guest on the Juicebox Podcast. My only goal in life is to make sure my sons life is as full as it can be.



**Marci Butcher- Board Member/ Projects and Initiatives**

I am a registered dietitian and certified diabetes care and education specialist. My career has been entirely with the diabetes world for 31 years now. In addition my husband Jason of now 30 years, was diagnosed a couple years after we were married. I currently work for the MT Diabetes Program at the state health department. My role includes helping increase access to diabetes care and education across the state. I also lead a statewide workgroup on diabetes care at schools. We are blessed with two sons- Andy and Sam. I enjoy hiking and fishing in north Helena.



**Michele Danichich- MD Board Member/Medical Committee/Projects and Initiatives**

Michele is an endocrinologist who has been in practice in Missoula since 1999. She is a Montana native who moved back home after completing her medical training in Seattle, Portland and San Diego. She is a big fan of all of the outdoor opportunities western Montana has to offer and is thrilled to be part of MYDA and helping make Camp MYDA an unforgettable week to look forward to every summer!



### **Susan Nicosia- Fundraising support**

Susan M. Nicosia, was appointed city manager of Columbia Falls in June 2011. She has over 30 years serving local governments in different capacities, including external and internal auditor, finance director, elected official, and consultant. She holds a B.O.S Business Admin. Degree and a Masters of Public Administration Degree and is a Certified Public Accountant. Her daughter was diagnosed with type 1 at a young age. She has since then become an advocate for kids with type 1 as she knows how important it is to have the utmost support for these kids and their families.



### **Karen Giesy- Fundraising Support/ Projects and Initiatives Lead**

My name is Karen Giesy. My grandson Jayden was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 9 and my life changed forever! It was my goal to do what I could to help Jayden have a promising future. That's when Tonya and I decided to start a nonprofit to assist kids and families with T1D. I grew up in Rudyard, MT where helping your neighbors was a way of life. It was my good fortune to spend my career working in Glacier National Park. I am now retired and giving back to the community however I can. My life is great with my husband Roger, son Ryan his fiancé Janay, daughter, Abreon her husband David along with 3 amazing grandchildren Jayden, Jazmine and Dominic.