

## **Sharri Penrod**

My name is Sharri Penrod. It may look like Sherry but it sounds like Cheri. I love working at KHEDF! Although I have worked in a savings and loan and other for-profit businesses, most of my life I have worked in social service non-profits dedicated to helping children who need extra help to succeed in life. This began when my husband and I had a child with multiple disabilities. We enrolled our son Gregory in Rainbows United and I started volunteering there until they asked me if I would like a permanent position there in their business office.

I worked there from 1984 until I had to retire to care for my husband with cancer in 2016. It didn't take long to realize I was ready to be back in the work force. I started working for KHEDF as an Administrative Assistant and am enjoying everything I do.

As far as hobbies go, I have always loved going to antique auctions, estate sales, craft shows, traveling, and visiting friends and relatives. History and art have always been some of my interests. I have a big heart for animals. Everyone who knows me also knows I feed my neighborhood stray cats and am always trying to place kittens and cats into good homes. I had a chance in 2017 to go with a friend to Croatia and of course I was making friends with all the stray cats there as well.

It's a good feeling to see children of all ages from birth to adulthood grow and prosper. If I can be even a small part of that, it is rewarding.