

# Kathy



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I live in Pennsylvania, USA. I'm married and mother to 3 sons. My boys are adults now. Our youngest turned 18 in January 2021 and is about to graduate high school. We learned when he was young that he is on the Autism Spectrum. We're very proud of all of our children. Raising kids is one of the most exhausting and rewarding things in life. I have worked for the Pennsylvania State government since 2005, most recently as a legal assistant but I have just moved into the administrative side of things so I'm looking forward to the new and challenging work.

### **If you had to write a book, what will the title be? Why?**

The title of my book would be 'Everybody Has A Story'. That would be the title because everybody does have a story and I think there is so much to learn from each other; all we have to do is listen.

### **How did you get to know PS and how did you become involved?**

I heard about PS on social media and attended a "The Art of Storytelling" workshop on Zoom. It was during that workshop that made me want to get involved. After the workshop I reached out to PeopleStories and Victoria got the ball rolling.

### **Why PeopleStories?**

Wanting to volunteer with PeopleStories happened when I learned more about the challenges of education for the children in rural Cambodia. I can personally relate, as the mother of a child with autism, how challenging getting an education can be. My family's struggle has not been the same as those in Cambodia but hurdles are hurdles and that is what I understand and I want to help. I also knew I wanted to work with Victoria. Her vision and energy are contagious and I love that.

### **If you could say something to your 10-year-old self, what would it be?**

If I could have a chat with my 10 year old self I would tell her to pay attention to and learn as much about the whole world as possible.

### **If you are granted 3 wishes to make the world a better place, what would those wishes be?**

- 1) I wish the people of the world saw each other as one race – the human race.
- 2) I wish poverty was non-existent.
- 3) I wish everyone had access to good healthcare, to have a chance to live their best possible life.



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