20 Questions with KERRA ZAMBRANO, Director of

{The Valley Child Development Center}

Why did you decide to work in Red Cloud?

It was easy to see the excitement around TVCDC and I wanted to join in and make a difference for children in the community.

What is your favorite thing about Red Cloud so far?

My favorite thing about Red Cloud is the people that I have met! Everyone has been so warm and welcoming.

Why is early childhood education important to you?

90% of brain development occurs before the age of five. Quality early learning builds the foundation and can have such positive and lasting impacts on young children.

What are some of your favorite businesses to shop at in Red Cloud? Why?

I just discovered Lizzy's and think it's such a cool store. I also love On The Brix, because I have met some great locals there and the atmosphere is fun!

What do you wish everyone knew about The Valley Child Development Center?

I want everyone to know that TVCDC believes in making learning fun. We have highly qualified staff and we are affordable and reliable.

If you could have a superpower what would it be and why?

For nine years I worked with chronically and terminally ill children at Children's Hospital Colorado, so the superpower I would want to have would be healing power.

Do you have any hobbies?

I love reading.



TVCDC Director Kerra Zambrano posing inside the The Valley Child Development Center in August 2017. Developers continue to target a Winter 2017/18 opening date.

Do you have any pets?

Not right now, but we will!

What is your favorite pastime?

Hiking in Colorado and shopping 😳

What would your high school teachers or guidance counselor say about you if we asked?

Probably something like I enjoyed being involved in school activities (because I was Student Body Secretary)

What are you most proud of?

My children, Lexi and Josh!

Do you have a mantra or mission statement you live by?

Life is short, live each day filled with love

What historical figure or celebrity would you most like to have dinner with? Why?

Gandhi because he saw love in everyone and lived by the statement he made of "Be the change you want to see." I think it's important to find your passion and to get involved and do good for others.



Do you have any advice for someone looking to relocate to rural Nebraska?

I enjoy the community pride and the variety of activities that are always going on. It's a great place for families to live and raise kids.

What is your favorite song and/or recording artist?

I have so many favorites but a few are Ed Sheeran and Zac Brown Band.

Who is your favorite writer?

I've been enjoying historical fiction the past year, so Kristin Hannah is on the top of my list right now.

What is your dream vacation?

I would love to travel through Europe and go to Vienna, Paris, and London.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life?

My Gradma Fox, who will be turning 92 in September. She is the epitome of a strong woman with a big heart!

What is your favorite activity and/or subject to teach to children?

I love reading and sharing my love of reading with children of all ages!

How can parents reach you for questions or to enroll at TVCDC?

We would love for families to ask any questions they may have. Parents can stop by our temporary office space at 429 North Webster St, or call 402-746-5110. My email is <u>kerratvcdc@outlook.com</u>



The Valley Child Development Center is temporarily located at 429 N. Webster St, in one of the retail bays of the National Willa Cather Center. It will be permanently located on "A" Avenue at Chestnut St, next to Cherry Corner Estates.

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