

Greater Bothell Chamber of Commerce Awards July Member of the Month

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The Greater Bothell Chamber of Commerce proudly announced Carmin Dalziel, Executive Director of the Northshore Schools Foundation as the Member of the Month during their July general meeting.

Carmin was excited to join the chamber 3 years ago. She is a Bothell High School grad, has her Master's in Public Administration and served as a session aide for Senator Rosemary McAuliffe two times. Along with that background, she brings a wealth of experience from the non-profit world to her role and actively serves on several Boards. She was thrilled to return to Bothell and found immediately that the Chamber reflects the values of our community – quality and integrity. It is a place where people network authentically, business and community growth gets done and friendships are made. She is proud to be honored as the first non-profit to be named the Member of the Month.

Being involved in the chamber has helped her to become a better professional and to learn the culture of our community. She actively serves on the Fundraising committee, and feels it is a great place for her to use her gifts and experience to contribute to the chamber. She feels she has become a better speaker, networker and business person and attributes that to her chamber involvement and the programs and opportunities they provide. Each time I sit and talk with Carmin, I am reminded of how much she loves doing the work she does to change kids' lives and support the teachers' of the Northshore Schools. Carmin is highly intelligent and forward thinking as well as a master strategist, networker and marketer. She is a strong communicator and has a natural ability to build rapport and inspire 'community' by creating and nurturing value based relationships. People tell me she brings a strong drive and sense of fun, kindness and spirit to all that she does.

The [Northshore Schools Foundation](#) exists to raise funds and build partnerships to support academic success and excellence for all Northshore students, in alignment with [district priorities](#). The Foundation operates separately from the Northshore School District and is funded solely through private contributions. Their goal is to remove every barrier to learning for kids and to complement the work of the district by providing grants to classroom teachers, scholarships to help good teachers become excellent teachers and support programs that enhance the curriculum.

Carmin embodies her #1 value of “doing business that’s good for everybody” and her goal is to be the go-to, premier non-profit in the area. The Foundation prides itself on working creatively with businesses and strives to build models that make sense for each partnership. Being easy to work with is a cornerstone of their programs – she will come to you, has created programs with flexible payment options and designed packages that highlight businesses all year long. Sponsors, businesses and individuals are recognized at the Annual Light a Fire for Learning luncheon held each spring. As a regular attendee, I am struck each year by the personal stories the kids share and amazed at the impact our donations make on the lives of the kids and teachers. [Club 365](#), [Backpacks for Kids](#) and the upcoming [All in for Kids](#) – are just a few programs focused on impacting the nineteen thousand kids in our district - every day and contribute to their lives for years to come.

My son will be entering the Northshore Schools next year, and I am so happy to invest in the programs knowing that Carmin and the Northshore Schools Foundation will be out there doing “good” business that will impact him.

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