

Celeste Horan

Celeste is a native of Lewiston, ME but has lived most of her adult life in New Hampshire. She graduated from Rivier College in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in human development with concentration in social work. Her professional experience includes working with at risk women and children at Marguerite's Place where she served as a teacher and later as director of their childcare center. She has been trained as a Parenting Journey Facilitator, as a Parent Information Center Special Education Advocate and in both child assault prevention and Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. Celeste has also worked as an emergency shelter advocate and has experience creating safety plans for women dealing with domestic violence. She worked at St. Gianna's Place as a part-time case manager, and currently works full-time with her husband, Daniel, running their auction business, Schmitt, Horan & Company.

Celeste is a life-long Catholic and is a parishioner at St. Joseph Church in Epping, NH. Throughout her life she has served as a lector, a Eucharistic Minister, and was part of a leadership committee for the Diocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry for several years. Celeste's passion for helping women and children at risk and a desire to participate in work that is fully aligned with Catholic teachings brought her to St. Gianna's Place. The perseverance our residents show in difficult circumstances gives her strength and a glimpse of God's love. Celeste shares that she and her husband have dealt with infertility for 10 years, and that through this she has received the grace to understand the true miracle of life more deeply, a greater sadness at the devastating and needless loss of life through abortion, and greater joy when she learns of a new life. It has also taught her more about suffering, and she believes that for women, no matter what age or life circumstance they come from, great healing happens in a supportive community like Saint Gianna's Place.