

Sherry Bennett

Age: 35
Occupation: Factory director at True Value Manufacturing in Cary
Residence: Crystal Lake
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Family: Husband Jon Bennett; children Nathan, 5, and Maggie, 3
Education: Bachelor of Science degree in industrial and manufacturing engineering from Pennsylvania State University
Favorite McHenry County restaurant? Georgio's Chicago Pizzeria & Pub in Crystal Lake – their deep dish pizza is amazing!
Favorite book? "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum
First job? My first jobs were cutting grass for my two neighbors and helping my dad out; he owned his own vending business, Brimmeier Vending Machine Company in Pittsburgh, and often needed help from me, my twin sister, Shelly, and my brother, Rob, on various jobs supporting the company.
One word that describes you? Easy-going



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Sherry Bennett, factory director at True Value Manufacturing, poses on the production floor at the Cary facility.

was cohesively driven and motivated to accomplish these goals is what I am most proud of this year.

How do you give back to the community, and what drives your service?

As a graduate of the Leadership Greater McHenry County Class of 2014, I learned more about servant leadership and was inspired to take an even greater role in the community. I am now on the board

of United Way McHenry County and supporting the LGMC program on the Development Committee. As my two young kids grow, I want them to see the rewards of helping others and giving back. It is important to me that they are able to be involved in the community.

What is something you have never done but want to do some day?

I would love to spend a couple weeks travelling and be completely immersed in the culture of other countries. I learn so much about myself and others by seeing things from different points of view.

What is the best career advice you have received?

I think this is more life advice rather than career advice, but my parents always encouraged me to get involved in a variety of different activities so that I could learn what it is I liked and wanted to continue to pursue. I used this advice in college when I was trying to figure out "what I wanted to be when I grew up," and I still use that advice today.

Which CEO would you most

like to spend the day with and why?
 I would most like to spend a day with Steve Jobs of Apple. He drove unprecedented growth through product innovation. I'd appreciate hearing more of his perspective on change, reception of change within his organization and industry and techniques for managing the growth that the company experienced.

Nominator's comment:

"We are fortunate to have among us individuals of this younger generation who are highly motivated natural leaders who are continually re-shaping the workplace to one in which companies excel and employees thrive. And at the same time, they freely accept the responsibility of setting examples of stewardship in their community by giving of themselves and encouraging others to give back," supervisor Gene Brickhouse said. "Sherry Bennett is one of this impressive group of leaders. She is proving to be a significant professional contributor within our company, while continually reaching out to quickly become ever more engaged in the community."

What is your job and what makes you good at it?

In my job, I am responsible for leading all manufacturing activities, facility operations, product distribution and inventory management for True Value Manufacturing. Our facility in Cary is True Value's only manufacturing plant and among the largest single-site consumer paint manufacturing

plants in North America.

What accomplishments and innovations are you most proud of this year?

Professionally, we have accomplished a great deal within the last few months – implementing major facility and equipment enhancements for additional product line capabilities. Leading a team that

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