



# Tri-Valley

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## *Employee Spotlight*

**Sandy Whited**  
Center Manager  
Danube, MN

**What's your name?** Sandra Whited, but you can call me Sandy.

**What's your title and location at Tri-Valley?** Center Manager at the Danube Head Start Center.

**What's your favorite thing about working in your position?** Seeing all the staff, children, and families returning back here to MN each year. It's like a family reunion.

**Before working at Tri-Valley, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?** In college I worked at the Arby's when it first opened up in Willmar. I got to be the restaurant mascot, Babar the elephant. I dressed in the costume and stood on the street corner waving with a "Now Open" sign.

**Tell us about your family and/or pets.** I am married for 24 years now to Kevin, have one son in college at NDSU and one son who is a sophomore at Redwood Valley.

**Do you have any hobbies?** I love to paint wooden signs and make pallet projects. I like most arts and crafts.

**If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?** I have always wanted to master sign language. I only know a few things.

**If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?** Pay off the debts we have, and build a house from scratch.

**When you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you pass the time?** Reading Facebook and playing Candy Crush. I am on level 2479.

**What's your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?** Indoors- watching TV shows like Grey's Anatomy. Outdoors- gardening.

**What chore do you absolutely hate doing?** Washing windows and dusting.

**If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why?** Besides Derek Shepherd aka McDreamy played by Patrick Dempsey to ask him about when he had to leave the show Grey's Anatomy. Seriously, I would like to meet my favorite author Laura Ingalls Wilder who put to pen the most common things in life in an amazing way.

**What three traits define you?** Organized, analytical, and empathetic.

**If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Chicken fettucine Alfredo.

**What are some things on your bucket list?** To visit and tour places in all 50 states; to travel to Germany to see all the castles and the historical places from WWII; to be a tour guide for some cool place that a lot of people visit like a museum; meet the cast of Grey's Anatomy on set.

**Anything else you would like to add?** I have worked for Tri-Valley since 1995, but this will be my first year as the Center Manager.