

## **Terri Green**

Terri Green is a 1977 graduate of Northwest High School. She grew up on a farm in Grubville, Missouri, with her parents, Charlie and Joan Maupin, and her three sisters. She married Mark Green, and together they have two sons. Ryan and his wife, Jayme, live in Cedar Hill and have two sons: Landyn, a seventh grader at Northwest Valley Middle School, and Matthew, a third grader at Maple Grove Elementary. Their youngest son, Jacob, and his wife, Liz, also live in Cedar Hill and have two children who attend Northwest High School—Jayden, a junior, and Maiya, a sophomore. The Green family's Northwest roots run deep.

Terri began working at Northwest High School in 1993 as an Administrative Assistant to Assistant Principal Sharon McKay. As she often reflects, you never know what path life will take. Nearly everything she did involved young people. For eight and a half years, she served as the youth leader at St. Martin's United Church of Christ in Dittmer, where many of the youth also attended Northwest High School. School and church life blended seamlessly, and she became an important part of her students' lives in both settings.

Under her leadership, the youth group stayed active and engaged in meaningful service. They hosted an annual "Box City" on the church lawn, building shelters out of cardboard boxes and sleeping outside overnight to gain a small glimpse into the experience of homelessness. During these events, they assembled care bags for the Homeless Youth Initiative in Jefferson County. A few of their many yearly projects included assisting with the annual Christmas party for youth in foster care, cleaning yards, cutting grass, and completing small jobs for elderly community members.

During her time as youth leader, Terri organized three mission trips: two to Bayou La Batre, Alabama, to assist with hurricane relief efforts, and one to Niagara Falls. There, the group served in low-income communities, working alongside people from diverse backgrounds and traditions. Each trip provided opportunities for the students to grow personally while serving others. Her goal was always to help young people see the world through someone else's eyes—to understand not only others' struggles, but also their resilience and love for their communities. Each trip proved to be a life-changing experience.

For more than 25 years, Terri also helped lead a summer Canoe Camp on the Current River near Eminence, Missouri. The camp brought together students from sixth grade through high school graduation from across the

state. Unplugged and immersed in nature for five days, campers paddled 25 to 30 miles over three days. The experience was designed not only to introduce students to the beauty of the river and God's creation, but also to help them learn more about themselves. Paddling a canoe down the river can teach perseverance, teamwork, and self-reflection. Each year, her longtime partner, Donna Scanlon, would say, "This was the best camp ever!"—and each year, they left inspired and already planning for the next summer.

Terri also combined her love of horses with her passion for helping others by volunteering for two years at Spirit Strides, an equine therapy facility. The transformations she witnessed were remarkable. She saw firsthand the confidence and strength individuals could gain through working with horses in a therapeutic setting.

Terri remained at Northwest High School from 1993 until her retirement in 2017. She often says she never had a single day in 24 years when she did not want to go to work. She worked with nine assistant principals before beginning a long and meaningful professional partnership with Brad Snell in 2002. When he later became principal, she moved to the main office to continue working alongside him. She holds deep respect for his leadership and has always treasured his words: "Terri doesn't work for me, she works with me." Together, they made a strong and dedicated team.

Retirement did not last long. In 2017, she began working part-time at Sunnyside, Inc., an organization that supports individuals with developmental disabilities—and she continues to serve there today. She describes it as an incredible organization doing extraordinary work.

In 2018, Terri was elected to the Northwest Board of Education and is currently serving her third term. Realizing she was not quite finished with education, she embraced this new opportunity to continue serving the district she loves. She considers it an honor to serve on the Board of Education and takes the responsibility seriously, grateful for the continued support of the Northwest community.