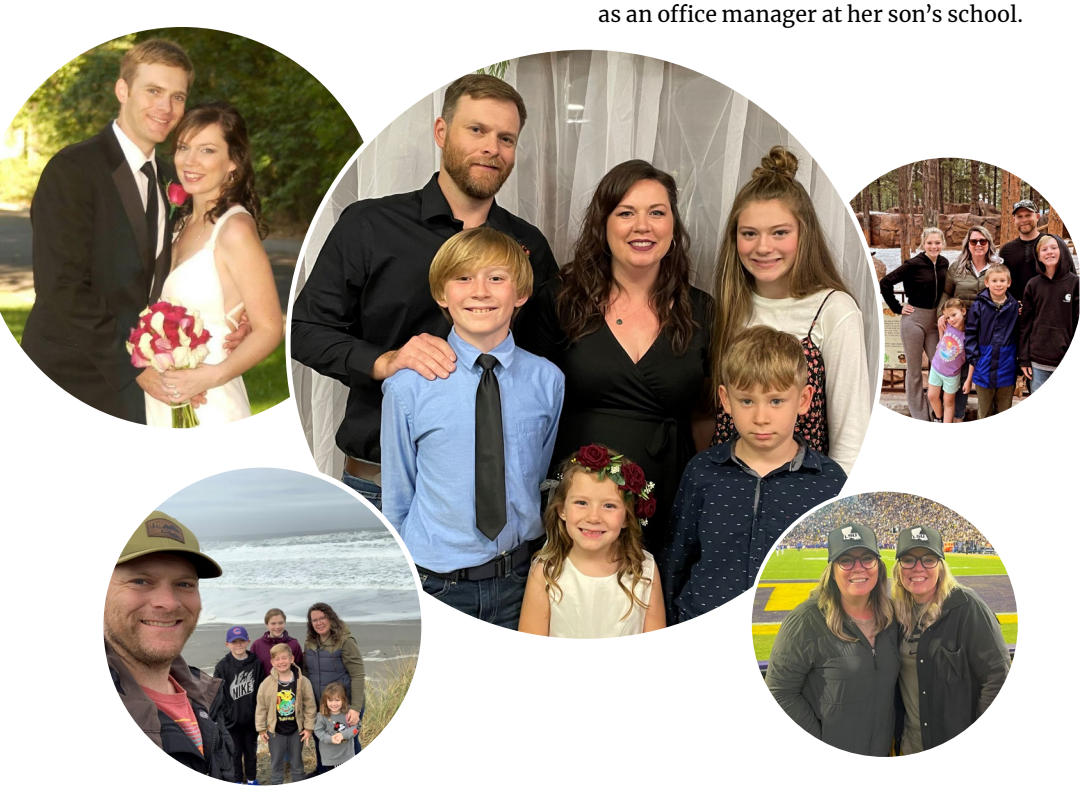
GETTING TO KNOW
MELISSA DEEN

Melissa Deen serves Morrison clients with grant administration services and support, deadline compliance, adherence to program requirements, project reporting, and reimbursement requests. Additionally, Melissa assists the Morrison team with scheduling, client onboarding, client service activities, and outreach efforts. Melissa brings 10 years of administration, organization, communication, and bookkeeping experience to the Morrison team with a passion to effectively meet our clients' needs.

Prior to joining Morrison, Melissa worked as an executive assistant at Women's Resource Clinic in Chico where she was initially responsible for accounts receivable and administration. Melissa excelled in her position and was appointed director of development, overseeing the organization's fundraising, planned events, donor relationships, and sponsorship program. Additionally, she has enjoyed lending her skills as a bookkeeper to two churches in the local community and substituting long-term as an office manager at her son's school.



Q&A WITH MELISSA

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT LIVING IN CHICO, CA?

The amazing access to beautiful parks and outdoor activities and the small town feel with big town perks (like Costco and Trader Joe's!)

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES?

I love reading, playing games, hiking and outdoor walks, and quality time with friends and family.

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST IN THE FUTURE?

Being a grandma! I had two of the best grandmas, and they have influenced me and helped shape me in ways I didn't really appreciate until they had passed. What a gift to feel so completely loved by someone. Since my oldest child is just 15, we have some time to wait.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TRADITION?

Every year at Christmas I host a cousin sleepover with my kids and all of my nieces and nephews. We eat breakfast for dinner, go look at Christmas lights, everyone sleeps in the living room together, and we watch a Christmas movie.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT WORKING AT MORRISON?

The amazing atmosphere that has been cultivated by our leaders and team has been the biggest blessing. The professionalism, respect for one another and our clients, and general attitude of humility and service of each team member is unmatched in any other experience I have had.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATION?

The best vacation I have ever had was in Kauai. Hiking in the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific" and swimming in waterfalls was incredibly magical. Beautiful island with beautiful people. But our most beloved family camping destination is Patrick's Point in Humboldt County. The North Coast is always a great getaway during the hot Chico summers.

WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

My babies. I have a 15-year-old daughter Abigail, 14-year-old son Nathan, 11-year-old son Zack, and 8-year-old daughter Everly. I am overjoyed at the privilege of getting to raise these beautiful, intelligent, kind and loving kiddos.