



Michele Rudick, Berman, Director of Harford Heights Child Care at Garrison Forest describes working with children as "in her blood". Growing up she and her brother attended the original nursery school established by her grandfather Michael ("Pop Pop") Rudick.

As she grew older Michele would help her father (Stan took over the family business in 1973) during school breaks and summer vacation.

Michele's love of working with children continued through her teenage years: she helped teach Sunday school, was a camp counselor, volunteered at her former Kindergarten class and was the favorite babysitter in her neighborhood.

A University of Maryland graduate, and now married with her own family, Michele describes taking care of children as "the job I had been born to do. It brings me such joy seeing children develop and hit many milestones." Returning to school to complete her 90 - hour certification course, Michele eventually filled her mornings working at a local pre-school, and then afternoons working at Harford Heights at Boys' Latin.

When her father became ill, Michele assumed an increased leadership role at Garrison Forest and was instrumental in expanding the program to include pre-school. With her father's passing in 2015, Michele officially took over as Director and is proud to work alongside her mother and brother to continue the family legacy initiated by her grandfather and driven by her Dad.