

# Local Everywhere®

Our employees live and work in the same communities you do. Every month, we will be sharing a story of one of our teammates with you. They might be your neighbor, or that guy on the trail running with his dog, or that gal sitting next to you cheering for the high school team. These are the same people who greet you when you call Animal Supply Company, or deliver orders to your store – and we couldn't be more proud of them. We are Animal Supply Company and we are local everywhere.



Kimberlee

## Kimberlee Has a Heart for Children

**Kimberlee Edvalson**  
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**Portland, OR**

On Sundays, Kimberlee volunteers with the children's ministry at her church. "I work with the small children while their parents attend services," she said. "I've been volunteering most Sundays for the last eight years."

She currently sponsors two boys in Rwanda and has been on two mission trips to Rwanda in the last three years. "My mission trips are with an organization called Africa New Life," she said. "The first one, I was able to spend some time at a refugee camp in Rwanda as well as visit local communities and sponsored children, including one of my own sponsor boys. The second trip, I was also able to visit communities and saw my original sponsor boy, along with a boy I started sponsoring since my first visit." Kimberlee worked with students and professionals through Africa New Life and took part in mentorship trainings as well. "It was amazing to



see the progression in Rwanda in the short years between my visits."

As if all that wasn't enough, Kimberlee recently completed her foster parent certification and hopes to receive her first foster child soon.

"I have a huge place in my heart for children, as well as animals," she said. "I have a lot in my life that I have worked for and been blessed with, and I want to give back to children that need a safe place. Obviously, I can't take every child in, but I think it's important to help in any way that I can. Giving back to the community and world helps to make it a better place for everyone."

Kimberlee's community is a suburb outside of Portland. "I enjoy it because the city isn't too far away," she said. "Neither are the mountains and the rivers, where I prefer to spend my time with my 12-year-old miniature pinscher, Kya."

Kimberlee adopted Kya when she was in college. Her brother-in-law is a vet and had a client that had puppies in need of homes. "I had been looking for a dog and the timing was

right," she said. "The first few years were rough as Kya tested her boundaries and destroyed my apartment from couches to drywall." Kimberlee can laugh about it now that Kya has mellowed out, but it took a lot of work to get her to where she is now. "Kya is my sidekick and is literally the dog version of myself, I don't know what I would do without her."

Kimberlee and Kya enjoy running, hiking and just being outside together. Kimberlee is excited about introducing Kya to a new foster child soon.

We wish Kimberlee and Kya the best of luck as they open their hearts to a child in need!



Kya

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