



This month's Alumni Spotlight features Susan Gregg (Lindell), Class of 1985.

For those in the Valley who might be looking for pediatric therapy resources that specialize in sensory therapy, their search likely won't last long before they're introduced to Susan Gregg's organization, SMART Pediatric Therapy, LLC located in Goodyear, Arizona. SMART Pediatric Therapy, LLC is a sensory-based outpatient clinic that uses a sensory-rich environment and offers occupational therapy evaluation and treatment for patients 18 years or younger. SMART Pediatric Therapy, LLC has thrived as the only clinic of its kind in the Valley.

After graduating from Bourgade Catholic High School, Susan married and followed her husband to northern California where he would finish his Ph.D. program. While in California, Susan's brother suffered a serious head injury from a car accident. It was upon her return to Arizona to visit her brother that Susan was first introduced to occupational therapy. In observing her brother's therapist and diving deeper into the science, Susan felt she had discovered a passion. In pursuit of her new-found interest, Susan earned her bachelor's of science degree in Occupational Therapy from San Jose State University while graduating summa cum laude. During this time, she also completed a 6-month internship working with children and adults at a local hospital.

Following her and her husband's program completions, they moved to a suburb of Chicago where Susan would work with in-patient adults trying to transition back home. After some time, Susan and her husband packed up and moved to San Diego where Susan took some time off to raise their children, before going back to work as an occupational therapist at one of her son's schools. After a few years, Susan moved on to work at an outpatient pediatric clinic which led to her thoughts about starting her clinic.

In 2013, Susan organized a soft-opening of SMART Pediatric Therapy, LLC. In 2016, she completed her post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at Rocky Mountain University with an elective track in Pediatrics. Today, SMART Pediatric Therapy, LLC has 10 employees with a strong patient base and the clinic's reputation as the only to specialize in sensory processing continues to grow throughout the Valley.

Though Susan's journey comes with a lot of experience and a few stops on the west coast and in the midwest, she mentions Bourgade as a place where she had an opportunity to identify the importance of a good work ethic. Coming from a large family, Susan quickly understood that money was tight. Her aspirations of attending Bourgade were made possible through summer jobs to help support her family. Susan has carried her work ethic throughout her occupational therapy journey and through it, she has brought a beacon of light to families across the Valley. That light is SMART Pediatric Therapy, LLC.

Congratulations to Susan on all her success. We are grateful for her willingness to share her story and for the good work she is doing in the community.

For those interested in learning more about SMART Pediatric Therapy, LLC, visit

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