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Employee Spotlight

We are celebrating 40 years of personalized service and improving animal health. This milestone could not have been reached without the hard work of our extraordinary team of scientists and support personnel. We are putting the spotlight on various members of our team throughout our celebration of this 40-year milestone.

What made you apply at VMRD?

I was looking for a new opportunity, work life balance, a great culture and a team environment to learn and grow with.

Do you remember your first day?

Yes! VMRD was in the middle of a fairly large remodel and I shared a desk with the HR manager who also started the same day in what we know as our library. There wasn't much formal structure to my day except filling out some paper work and jumping in with Holger, the Accountant to learn everything!

What is your role and background?

How has your job changed over the years?

I am the CFO with a background in accounting. My job has changed quite a bit over the last 10 years from being hired as the Controller with my main focus being accounting to now being responsible for many different areas of the company.

If you could switch your job with anyone else within VMRD, whose job would you want?

Great question! I would love to be in customer service! I enjoy being able to talk with different people and working through challenges that our CDR's experience on a daily basis.

What has been your biggest achievement/success?

I have had many successes and failures, but one that stands out the most is when we hire great people who learn and grow with the company and branch out and take on new roles within the company.

What has been your biggest "lesson learned"?

My biggest lesson is that there will always be a lesson to be learned in everything we do. Positive or negative.

What advice would you give to new hires?

My advice would be to learn and absorb as much information as you can and provide support to others.

What is your favorite part of your job?

What excites you the most?

I enjoy the people of VMRD and the culture. That is what makes me want to come to work and do the best I can each day knowing that we all play a role in the success of the company.

What is your favorite VMRD memory?

Potlucks and Basketball! We used to have random potluck days each month as well as a quick pick-up basketball game mid-day. I did more sideline cheering, but to get out in the nice weather and be with people outside of our tasks is fun!

What is one thing you wish you knew before starting at VMRD?

The people at VMRD really are friends/family. We say this during interviews, but it doesn't really sink in until you feel it/experience it.

How would you describe the company culture?

Engaged, innovative, flexible, casual, family friendly

What do you hope to see for VMRD in the future?

I hope VMRD sees many more milestones, such as anniversaries, successful product launches, and more great hires that drive the business forward.

