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- Co-owner of Caring Creations, an LLC dedicated to helping children cope with social issues.
- Co-Author of *You and Me Make Three* and co-creator of B.B. the Bear
- Certified by the nationally recognized **Sandcastles** program, [a special child-focused divorce recovery program created by licensed mental health counselor, M. Gary Neuman.](#)
- Adult child of divorce and divorced parent with a young child.
- Expert on SMILE concepts and program. SMILE, an acronym for Start Making It Livable for Everyone, is an educational program for divorcing parents with young children that is offered in all 50 states and Australia.
- Conducts creative writing workshops utilizing B.B. the Bear to inspire children's imagination and develop the hero within.
- Administered charitable alliances with CARE House, Education Foundation, IKAN, and the Victor SMILE Foundation.
- Children's International Charity sponsor since 1988.
- Co-owner, broker, president and CEO of Seatech Realty Inc. from 1994 to 2005.
- Current Director of Seatech Group, Inc., formerly Seatech Investment Inc., a private firm.
- Developed corporate sales initiatives for Borders Books and Music.
- Co-owner and Secretary of the Board of Lasertec, Inc., a nationally renowned processor for electronic statement delivery and high speed print solutions.
- Attended North Dakota State University.
- Resides in Naples with her companion E.J. McDonnell, her son Michael John O'Dea, II and their dog, Daisy Mae.

Media Appearances 2008

Fox 4 Morning Blend
Fox 4 Rising
Wink TV 6:00 p.m. News
Tampa Daytime
Education Network
Naples Daily News
Ft. Myers News Press
The Bob Harden Show Weekend Addition

Dave Elliot Show on Naples 98.5
N Magazine
NPR Gulf Coast
Gulf Shore Business
E'bella Magazine
Sun Times
Jack Roberts Show CRN Digital Networks



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- Holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota.
- Has 20 years of experience working with senior level executives of Fortune 500 companies, developing national account programs and achieving the distinction of Top Producing Sales and Marketing Executive.
- Featured in Who's Who of Female Executives.
- Certified by Ty Boyd Excellence in Public Speaking Institute.
- Resides in Minneapolis with her husband Paul and daughter Mia Johnson and has two grown step-children, P.J. and Megan Mangiamele.

MEDIA APPEARANCES 2008

KARE 11 Showcase Minnesota

Eden Prairie News

N Magazine

E'bella Magazine

KDKA, Pittsburgh, PA

CKLW, Detroit, MI

WICC, Bridgeport, CT

"Total Health with Coach K" KCTE,

Kansas City, MO

"Voices Around the Sound" KBSG-FM,

Seattle, WA

John Carney on KMOX, St Louis MO

CBS Radio Network - KLLI / KJJJ, Dallas TX

Good Parenting Radio

Country Morning Show KFYR

CRN Radio, Hollywood, CA

Project Health Radio

WLW, Cincinnati, OH



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- Founder and President of EDCO Publishing in Auburn Hills, Michigan.
- Author of two children's books, award-winning state curriculums, numerous educational newsletters, brochures, and white papers.
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- Holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education, Master's Degree in Reading and Language Arts, and a Master's Degree in Special Education.
- Elementary Administration Certification and 26 years of experience teaching grades K-college in Lake Orion, Michigan.
- A finalist for Michigan's Entrepreneur of the Year and was named Michigan's 2006 Literacy Person of the Year.

MEDIA APPEARNCES – 2008

N Magazine
E'bella Magazine
Clarkston News



HEATHER DRESCHER, ILLUSTRATOR

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- Holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Animated Art from the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale.
- Contributed illustrations to several children's projects including EDCO's L.A.P.'s™ and Michigan On The Move programs, as well as several endeavors with various authors.
- Founder and President of Heather Drescher Artistry, a business specializing in interior artwork and fine art pieces.
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