



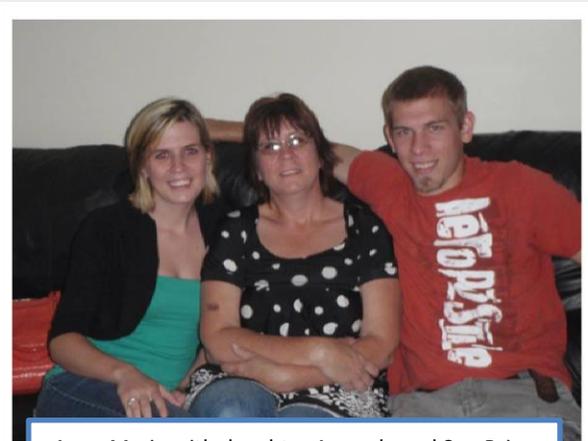
Anne Marie Thomas doesn't appear a usual suspect at the Patti Engineering offices – typically littered with male engineers proudly dressed in company logo collared shirts. She's a soft voice welcoming you into our business, a helping hand within the Patti family that plays the role of Administrative Assistant, jumping in wherever she is needed.

Her list of responsibilities is long. As Receptionist, she welcomes guests to the office, manages incoming calls, processes the mail, etc. As Receiver, she receives inventory, confirms packing slips and more. She supports the Executive Team, the Human Resources department, the Director of Finance, the Director of Marketing, as well as the Engineering and the Sales Teams. She keeps everyone in line and organized.

It's impressive how many hats Anne Marie wears after only being with the company for two years. Born in a small Canadian town called Amherstburg in Ontario, Canada, she proudly became an American citizen two years ago where she was one of 90 foreigners sworn in from 24 countries. Before moving to the U.S. in 2003, Anne Marie worked for an Architectural Firm in downtown Windsor where she was the Executive Assistant to its Principal Architect. She also previously worked as an Executive Assistant supporting the General Manager of WMUZ, a Christian Radio Station here in the U.S.

"She's really the woman people look at and say, 'I don't know how she does it,'" explains Sam Hoff, executive vice president of sales and marketing at Patti Engineering. "Personally, I rely on Anne Marie on a daily basis to keep my schedule, to do list, and sanity."

Anne Marie is thrilled to live just 15 minutes from the Patti Engineering office. In the past, she was lucky enough to travel all over Canada, the U.S. and Europe – and not for work, just for fun. Nowadays, she finds adventure in her own back yard. She says



Anne Marie with daughter Amanda and Son Brian



she has found a new appreciation in day trips to local sites. Anne Marie married at a young age, and was able to travel extensively before having her daughter Amanda and son Brian, who both live in Ontario. Other family members include her two sisters and her parents who celebrated 52 years of marriage this year.

When she gets home from work, she loves to play tennis, which is how she met her

American husband. Anne Marie also enjoys watching old movies, attending small local theatre productions, and cooking - Cajun Gumbo is a favorite, a dish she got hooked on during a trip to New Orleans. To exercise her brain, she thrives on games like Scrabble and Quiddler, she's a self-proclaimed word junkie. We're not sure how she finds the time, but in addition to work and hobbies, Anne Marie loves to volunteer with organizations including Forgotten Harvest, Grace Centers of Hope, Habitat for Humanity and Kids Power Company in Pontiac. She is also involved with CBS (Community Bible Study). In fact, every year since 2007, she has attended a 30 week in-depth non-denomination study of the bible.

"Someone once suggested that I consider a career shift toward a management position," Anne Marie explains. "I said no way. The saying goes, 'do what you love,' and that's exactly what I'm doing. I love working behind the scenes, being the support person to assist my team. I love working here at Patti Engineering. I truly feel like part of a team and management is genuine. They recognize everyone brings different talents to the table, and like the spokes of a wheel, we are all important to the continued success of the company. I'm glad and honored to be one of the spokes. They do keep me busy!"

