



Debbie is mom to: Rachel, age 17, Hannah, age 14 and Jacob, age 10. She has been married to Don for 24 years. Deb was born and raised in Broadview, IL and currently lives in Westchester. She joined ECRC in 1991.

1) Why do you feel God called you to be a mentor mom?

Today, many women live far away from their own moms or maybe there is a strained relationship and they feel that they can't talk to them. I've been blessed with both a wonderful mom and mother-in-law who have always been there when I've needed them and I feel that God has called me to do the same with the moms at MOPS. I see that there is such a need for women who have been through the joys and trials of raising young children to be willing to stand beside younger moms and offer them wisdom, hope and encouragement. This will be my 5th year as a mentor mom and my 17th year in MOPS and I've been truly blessed to be involved with this program.

2) What is your best advice to moms with preschoolers?

Be patient and forgiving with your kids. If you're having a day where nothing is going right just know that tomorrow, God will give you a fresh start for you and your preschooler.

3) What do you most enjoy doing with your kids? With your husband? With my kids, I most enjoy laughing around the dinner table and hearing about how their day went. With my husband, I enjoy riding bikes together and weekends away without the kids.

4) What is your favorite part of MOPS? I would say that my favorite part would be the snack and the discussion time because that is when I can listen to moms and find out what is going on in their lives and see how I can encourage them to be better moms.