

Monica Becket

Monica Becket, the oldest of four children, was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. Upon graduation from high school she worked for the phone company for 2 years, attended Ohio State University and then made her way west to begin a career in the entertainment industry (by accident).

She worked as a production assistant on numerous television shows, did a road tour of the US and Canada with Sonny & Cher (already divorced), and then moved onto films where she met her husband, Raymond in 1978. They lived in England and Los Angeles and had a daughter and a son. When their children were in school she returned to work as the PR and Marketing Director for friend, Susie Coelho (Sonny Bono's ex-wife #3), who had recently opened a new, innovative retail store called "A Star Is Worn" which sold celebrity clothing and collectibles worldwide.

In 1990, she and Raymond pursued a dream of being land barons by moving to seven acres at the top of a mountain in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where they raised sheep, chickens, ducks, geese, planted a 5,000 sq. ft. organic garden and tended 42 fruit trees and rows of raspberry bushes (lots of jam). Monica took classes while the children were in school and graduated with a BA in Human Services (with a large emphasis on early childhood development & psychology) in 1996. Afterwards, they bought a sailboat...and learned to sail, made some very good friends and had the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy some of the most beautiful country she has ever seen.

It was the time spent with her children on school and extracurricular activities which made her incredibly aware of how much time had changed the school experience. And, how important her time invested would be to their future. When her youngest child graduated from high school in 2001 Becket moved to Venice, Florida to be close to her mother. In 2005, she relocated to North Port to be near her grandson who is now six years old.

Monica is very involved in community outreach. She is currently a member of the North Port CHAT (Community Health Action Team), serves on the Healthy Start Planning and Evaluation Committee, has been appointed to the Executive Board of Healthy Start and is a certified mediator for the State of Florida's 12th Judicial Circuit Court. If that weren't enough, Monica is chairperson of the North Port ASAP (Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention) Committee, is a member of the Tobacco Free Partnership of Sarasota County, works with the local North Port High School SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) and is a member of the newly formed Sarasota County Sheriff's Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force.

"I suppose the time I've invested in support of children/teen issues is just an extension of what I always wanted for our two children, which was for them to be happy. And they are." Monica believes of all her life's experiences her best teachers have been her children. She considers them her greatest investment and her greatest success.