

## NEW EMPLOYEE BIOS



**Kaelyn Weestrand** joined the BGM St. Paul team as an Administrative Assistant. Prior to joining BGM, she spent nine years working as an Office Manager in the residential and commercial remodeling industry. Kaelyn graduated from Dakota County Technical College with an Applied Visual Arts degree and a Visual Merchandising and Display Specialist certificate. In addition, Kaelyn has earned certificates of completion from Wilton in cake decorating. She currently resides in St. Paul with her fiancé, David. In her spare time Kaelyn enjoys creating art, crafting, exploring the great outdoors, traveling, and catching live music concerts and Minnesota Wild games with her fiancé.



**Ellen Osthuis Fee** joined BGM TruNorth Wealth Partners in 2015. As an Associate Wealth Partner, she assists clients with retirement, cash flow, and estate planning.

She collaborates with CPAs to coordinate tax planning with investment recommendations. Ellen especially enjoys working with clients who are both engaged and receptive.

After working for a hedge fund, Ellen realized that she missed the personal connections and impact of helping others that she had experienced while doing intensive behavioral therapy with autistic toddlers. While working in trust administration at Wells Fargo, she discovered the financial planning profession, and realized that it combined the opportunity to help others with her analytical skills. Ellen started working with high-net-worth clients at Accredited Investors, LLC, and then honed her comprehensive financial planning skills at McGladrey Wealth Management, LLC. Her decade in the industry has flown by as she has enjoyed creating meaningful relationships.

Ellen lives with her spouse and baby daughter in St. Paul. She enjoys kettlebells, yoga, traveling, camping in

the Boundary Waters and time spent in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin.



**Jeff Alluri** joined the new Element team in January as the VP of IT Operations. Prior to becoming a member of the BGM family, Jeff ran an IT company with a focus on law firms, which joined with Phoenix on January 1st, 2015. Jeff began his technology career in law firms as a network administrator and eventually taking the Director of IT position at Bassford Remele before venturing into consulting. Jeff is originally from Chicago, IL and currently resides in Wheaton, IL with his wife Tara, and two children Logan and Grace. In his free time Jeff enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, and is a die-hard Chicago sports fan; he just can't get enough of the Chicago Blackhawks. Jeff travels on a weekly basis, splitting his time between Minneapolis and Chicago.

**Jeff Kaplan** recently joined the Element team as a Field Service Engineer. Jeff is originally from Black Mountain, NC and currently resides in Fridley, MN with his three children, Jackson, Justin and Karina. Jeff graduated from Guilford College with a bachelors in Biology. Prior to working with Element, Jeff worked as a purchasing manager and clinical pharmacy technician at a large long term care pharmacy. In his free time, Jeff enjoys spending time with his kids, reading science fiction and hiking.



**Sherri Egert** recently joined the BGM team as an Administrative Assistant. She is originally from Ortonville, MN and currently resides in St. Paul. Sherri studied Studio Art at the U of M Twin Cities. Prior to coming to BGM Sherri became an expert in beer, having worked for 10 years in Minnesota's oldest brewery (the nation's second oldest family owned brewery). And many are surprised to find that Sherri is a big fan of Heavy Metal music. Attending rock concerts and listening to this genre is her favorite way to spend free time. Sherri has 2 grown sons that also live in the Metro area.



**Randy Golla** originally joined the Element team as a Senior Solutions Consultant and has recently been promoted to Manager of Advisory Services. Randy is originally from

Fridley, MN but spent his childhood and school years throughout the Midwest. Randy currently resides in Minnetonka, MN with his two children Abigail and Ashley. Randy has a broad educational background with time spent in aviation, occupational psychology, and finally graduated from Brown College with an associate's degree in Network Development and a bachelor's degree in Information Technology. Prior to working with Element, Randy worked as a Microstrategy Consultant for a local firm, servicing many of Minnesota's largest public companies as clients. In addition, Randy has experience as a Business Analyst for a managed services firm in the twin cities. In his free time Randy enjoys spending time camping with his family, volunteering his time at several non profit and animal rescue organizations, riding his motorcycle with friends and relatives, and working on projects around his home.

### Congratulations



BGM would like to congratulate Andrew Benedict on his recent promotion to Principal!