

# Meet some of our Boosters Crew!



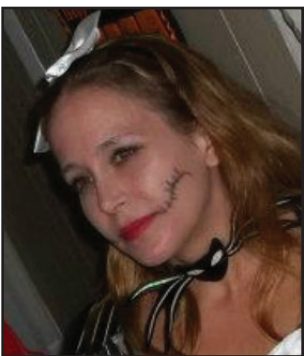
Angela Van Gorder

**Booster Job:** Concessions Chair, JFTT Chair, Screamwood Chair, Props, Trip Committee/Head Chaperone, etc.  
**Regular Job:** Graphic Designer, PCSD Copy Center.  
**Connection to the school:** Alumn, kids attend Phoenix.  
**Connection to the program:** It is a family affair! Rick and I were in the chorus and drama program throughout our high school years. My son Zack started in the program in 7th grade doing 11 shows by the time he graduated. Zack is now in his third year of college. My son Josh also started in the program in 7th grade. He is now a senior and working in his 10th show.  
**How long in program?** I have been involved with the boosters for 10 years!  
**What do you do for fun?** Volunteer. :) I do community theater, womens' volleyball league. I love to camp & scrapbook.  
**What say you?** I just want everyone to know how amazing this program is, for the kids and adults. This program has helped shaped my boys into great young men. It is a family, where everyone is welcome no matter what. As adults, we get to help make those experiences true for so many, and have fun ourselves while doing it! There is no greater gift then to be able to watch these kids grow and shine in their element, and know you did even a little bit to help that happen. Come and see for yourself! You will love it too. I promise. :)

**Booster Job:** Past President, JFTT Committee, Screamwood Chair, Trip Committee, etc.  
**Regular Job:** Orthotist, CEO @ Orthopedic Appliances of CNY  
**Connection to the school:** Alumni, kids attend Phoenix, School board member.  
**Connection to the program:** An alumni of the chorus and drama program. My two sons were/are a part of the current program. The boosters supported my goal to create Screamwood Forest.  
**How long in program?** I have been involved with the boosters for 9 years. Served as president for 7 years.  
**What do you do for fun?** Halloween!! I like to golf , ride motorcycles, kayak and camp in the Halloween off season.  
**What say you?** I want to stress how dedicated that our current booster members are. The heart of their dedication is their faith in your children. My personal goal is to convey to every child that they are capable of amazing things. All that it takes is a lot of hard work and perseverance.



RICK VAN GORDER



MAGGIE KAMMERER BEANK

**Booster Job:** Vice President, Costuming Chair, Trip committee.  
**Regular Job:** Published Science-fiction author, Co-host of the Indie Beginning Podcast, and CEO/Founder of ACN-Books.  
**Connection to the school:** Too many nieces and nephews in the district to list.  
**Connection to the program:** Years ago one of my nieces asked if I would be willing to costume for the drama program. She used all of her superpowers to her advantage; big batted eyes, the excessive use of pretty please and thank you, how can anyone say no to that? Each year the students make it harder and harder to leave, impossible actually, so here I am with a wonderful team of student and parent costumers by my side!  
**How long in program?** 3 years in the program as costumer, this is my first year as VP  
**What do you do for fun?** I love to volunteer as tribute to anything I can lend a hand at from JCB's choir and Drama program to judging robotics at SUNY Polytech. I am also an avid reader, hiker, and traveler collecting tattoos (and hair colors) along the way.  
**What say you?** As I have said at the kick-off; everything we throw at you may make us seem intimidating, I know this most of all coming from outside the school district. However, give the program and its booster a chance, they welcome anyone with open arms. Your students never cease to amaze me in what they can accomplish. I look forward to work alongside them again and to get to know each of you!

**Booster Job:** Secretary, Trip committee, Scholarship Committee, Past President (10 yrs), Past Costuming Chair (2 yrs)  
**Regular Job:** Freelance Writer/Feature Stories.  
**Connection to the school:** 4 kids attended (each in music/theater/band), now graduated. Board of Education Vice President, Parent rep/volunteer for multiple groups/committees. Phoenix Booster!  
**Connection to the program:** When my oldest daughter joined Drama Club as a freshman (2000) and I learned about the Booster Club volunteers, I jumped in to help with costumes, trips, and learning about the program needs. My experiences - that sense of feeling a belonging - on and beyond the stage in high school were some of the best of my life. AS I got to know kids and parents, with my own kids moving through high school, creating that same opportunity for our local students became an on-going motivation.  
**How long in program?** Since 2000-2001 (as long as Mr. Logee!)  
**What do you do for fun?** Spend time in Nature, Rock 'n' Roll music/concerts, Musicals, Travel, Volunteer support for music, theater and community programs, visit grandchildren, Reading, Writing and Advocacy.  
**What say you?** We welcome students and parents to become engaged in support! Everyone has unique skills and connections, which can make a difference. The more engaged everyone is, using their own abilities, the more empowered and confident they become, creating even more community opportunity for everyone. To be successful, the program needs an ongoing blend of veterans (insight/experience), new parents and new students, with all their energy and ideas. Jump in! Together we can lift the program and give kids every opportunity to rise! It's all about the people and the relationships.



Diana Cook



Dana Comfort

**Booster Job:** Publicity chair, random committee involvement, Alumni Cabaret.  
**Regular Job:** Receptionist/billing office.  
**Connection to the school:** Alumni.  
**Connection to the program:** I am an alumni, class of 2007!  
**How long in program?** 3 years of being a booster.  
**What do you do for fun?** I enjoy community theatre and have worked for many local companies from costuming, to scenic painting and design, stage managing, directing and performing. I have three dogs that are my world. I volunteer with NYS 4-H Youth Development when I can and am a co-coordinator of their annual youth leadership retreat.  
**What say you?** I came to the boosters with a fundraiser idea, and hoping to find a way for alum to get involved in giving back to this amazing program. Fast forward three years and booster meetings are some of my most looked forward to events because the laughter is plentiful, the people are great, and the impact is real.

**Booster Job:** President, Trip committee, JFTT Committee, Fundraising and more.  
**Regular Job:** Equipment Finance Broker at POS Credit Corporation.  
**Connection to the school:** Two sons at JCB this year.  
**Connection to the program:** I started volunteering to help at some events when my oldest son was in his first show at JCB 4 years ago.  
**How long in program?** 4 years.  
**What do you do for fun?** Watching my kids in all the great things they've participated in over the years. I enjoy walking and fresh air, reading and cooking.  
**What say you?** When a lot of people all help a little, an awful lot gets accomplished fast.



GREG HAWTHORNE



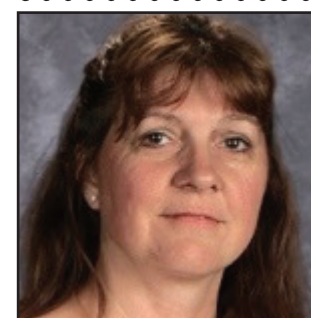
Cylest Ball

**Booster Job:** Merchandise chair, JFTT volunteer, fundraising.  
**Regular Job:** Purchasing Agent for government manufacturer contractor.  
**Connection to the school:** Alum - class of 1988, kids attend Phoenix.  
**Connection to the program:** My youngest, Mackenzie started program in 7th grade with her first high school musical, Annie. She was also a part of JFTT.  
**How long in program?** Since January 2018.  
**What do you do for fun?** Volunteer, hanging with family and friends at home or various events.  
**What say you?** In the short time I have been involved with the program, I have enjoyed every minute of it. It has been a rewarding experience to watch the children excel with the program and meeting new people.

**Booster Job:** Booster Treasurer.  
**Regular Job:** Orthotic technician @ Orthopedic Appliances of CNY.  
**Connection to the school:** Alumni class of 2008.  
**Connection to the program:** Participated in 7 productions while in high school at JCB.  
**How long in program?** I have been a booster member since 2007, VP for 2 years and treasurer since 2015.  
**What do you do for fun?** I mostly enjoy spending time with friends either playing board games, telling stories around a camp fire or singing karaoke.  
**What say you?** I was raised an only child so I never really had a big family, that's until I got involved with drama club in high school. Through drama club I joined the boosters where I made life long friends and now have an even bigger family. For me it's not the music that draws me back but the relationships I have made with the kids and parents alike.



Dan Dunn



CINDY LEES

**Booster Job:** JFTT Co-Chair. Collect and distribute paperwork and fundraiser items from and to the students at JCB. Whatever comes up that I can help out with.  
**Regular Job:** Athletic and main office secretary at JCB.  
**Connection to the school:** Employee and parent.  
**Connection to the program:** Parent and volunteer.  
**How long in program?** 9 years.  
**What do you do for fun?** Boating, reading, play with my dog.  
**What say you?** Getting involved with the Boosters is a great way to stay connected with your children, get to know who they are spending time with and make new friends yourself. Both of my children have graduated but I still enjoy helping out the boosters whenever I can. I know that I still have a great group of friends in my fellow Booster members (past and present) whom I can count on.