



Congratulations Carrie Wozny!

2025 Michigan CEC Parent of the Year Award!

Carrie Wozny is a dedicated wife and mother of two. Over the years, Carrie has shown unwavering dedication, advocacy, and love in support of her children, and in particular, her daughter, Lea, who has Down syndrome.

Carrie's commitment extends beyond the classroom. She has co-hosted several clubs designed to foster a sense of community, inclusion, and belonging amongst students of all abilities. Whether it was organizing group activities or supporting Lea in navigating social situations, Carrie always led with empathy and creativity. Additionally, her support for Lea's participation in extracurricular activities like Dream Team—a baseball league for students with disabilities—has been invaluable. She not only ensured Lea's inclusion in these activities, but she also played a key role in fostering an environment where all participants could experience joy, teamwork, and personal growth.

Carrie's quiet yet powerful leadership and advocacy for Lea serve as a model for what it means to be an exceptional parent, mentor, and community member. She works tirelessly, not for recognition, but because she truly believes in the potential of every child, especially those with disabilities. Carrie's efforts have undoubtedly had a profound impact on Lea's life, as well as on the broader Northern Michigan community. She has been an unrelenting advocate for the rights of children with disabilities and has worked to ensure that Lea has every opportunity to grow into a confident, independent individual.

