

# Judith A. Kohel, Executive Director/Treasurer

## **General Background Information**

Judy grew up in Waukesha, WI the seventh of ten children. Having an intense love of reading, she had finished all of the books in the school library by the third grade and went on to concur the public library. Days were spent in play at the community recreation center enjoying both indoor and out of doors activities and games. Always a learner, she is self-taught in many hobbies including knitting, sewing, soap making, gardening, and intricate bead work and herb ology. She continues her passion of learning to this day.



### Education

Judy finished high school earlier than her peers with a 3.8 GPA and went onto the University of Waukesha Wisconsin in the field of early childhood education. She taught at Head Start in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as well as in Waukesha, Wisconsin where she focused on in-home parent instruction.

## **Professional History**

Judy's list of life accomplishments include; Teacher, Day Care Center owner-operator, Class 'A' distinction welder, Real Estate Broker, Campground Owner/ Operator as well as Executive Director and co-founder of the non-profit, Eagles Nest Center, Inc. At Eagles Nest Center, she is responsible for the day to day operations, grant writing, program development and bookkeeping. She currently mentors women in a State run mental health facility at Winnebago, WI.

Always anxious to learn, she is thriving on the development of a new program to benefit at-risk youth by helping to prepare for a trip of a life time; climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro!

#### **Personal Interests**

Sharing a love of the outdoors with her husband (Bob) of 34 years, she has spent countless time traveling extensively with her family. Their children referred to vacations as adventures as she and Bob would teach them how to make accommodations on the fly, hiking, spelunking, fishing, hunting and generally enjoying being outside.

These days, Judy leans more toward her gardening and house plants, reading and loving to solve crossword puzzles when she is not mentoring women, young and old or traveling with Bob.