

## **Amanda Buonocore-Kish**

I was born and raised in Welland where I have lived my entire life and raised my family. I attended Brock University where I graduated with a 4-year Honours degree in Accounting and then obtained my CPA Designation. I am highly analytical and love to balance numbers with hopes of finding answers that will help others to make well-informed decisions.

With over 20 years of experience in senior management roles, I have worked most of my career as a Controller in the manufacturing industry. I am proud to work for Walker Industries, a local company that emphasizes community engagement and philanthropy. Working in aggregates and construction is something that I am passionate about and have found that I learn something new each week. My role has provided me with opportunities to become immersed in all aspects of finance and accounting, change management, mergers and acquisition, software implementation and corporate governance.

Aggregates and Construction industries have historically been male dominated, but I have played a role in motivating female colleagues to join the group, both in finance and operation roles. I am pleased to be a role model for other women and truly enjoy seeing their professional development and success.

I find humour and charm in life every day. I keep a positive mindset, and that helps others as well as myself move through difficult and challenging times. I show up for people to demonstrate that I care.

I am proud of my work mentoring women within Walker. I enjoy mentoring others across the organization, offering guidance, encouragement and motivation. I feel a sense of pride when others achieve their goals. I have particularly enjoyed coaching and developing my team, as they continue to build on their skills and expertise.

Hotel Dieu Shaver Foundation is important to me because my friend was just diagnosed with ALS and will be utilizing the amazing services offered by Hotel Dieu. My uncle was also in a very serious car accident many years ago and was in the Hotel hospital for months receiving countless hours of treatment and physical therapy. I know how important and crucial the services offered are for patients and have such an impact on their lives.