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Liz, a native of St. Joseph, Michigan, has worked at Deaconess Hospital since 1987. She started out in Pediatrics as a staff nurse, and later was promoted to assistant nurse manager and nurse manager. In 1995, she began working as an applications analyst, and she has been an IT manager at The Women's Hospital since 2001. Liz has also been an adjunct instructor at USI, teaching Healthcare Ethics and Healthcare Quality for the past seven years.

She has three daughters: Megan, 25, a USI grad, who teaches 7th grade civics in Sarasota, Florida; Hannah, 21, a senior at the University of Missouri studying Business Journalism and Economics; and Paige, 20, a sophomore at Ball State University studying Social Work. She also has two "ornery" cats and four playful grandkitties. Liz is a board member at Holly's House and an avid racewalker, having completed her 13th half marathon this past November, and even a recent "Color Run," as evident in her photo here!

Q&A with Liz

How has the MHA program helped you in your career?
I have a far better appreciation of how health care policy influences decisions and processes at the institutional level and why decisions and processes at the institutional level must take into consideration current and proposed healthcare policies. As we prepare for the implications of healthcare reform, be it through the Affordable Care Act or another avenue, it is essential that organizations be proactive rather than reactive. Initiatives that support community health and disease management should be priority.

Where else have you gone to school?
I earned a Diploma in Nursing in 1983 from Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Kalamazoo, Michigan. That same year, I also received a bachelor's in Health Studies from Western Michigan University, also in Kalamazoo. I returned to school to earn a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Computer Information Systems from USI in 2002.

What did you like best about being a MHA student?
The collaboration with faculty and peers and discussion boards.

What is a favorite memory of any of the MHA courses or class activities?
The service learning ... it was not only educational, but also gratifying.