



» Katie Frye Hammond

AGE: 31. **OCCUPATION:** Director of corporate and foundation relations, Adrian College. **PREVIOUS JOBS:** Marketing director for Bixby and Herrick hospitals; fund development coordinator for the Boys & Girls Club of Lenawee. **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** Kiwanis Club member; Hickman Cancer Center Graze to Raise committee member; volunteer for Gift of Life, Michigan's organ and tissue donation program. **SCHOOLS ATTENDED:** Western Michigan University (bachelor's degree in public relations, 1999). **FAMILY:** Married to Matthew Hammond; two daughters, Emma, 5, and Lilian, 3. **HOMETOWN:** Troy. **WHERE SHE LIVES NOW:** Tecumseh.

SHORT BIOGRAPHY: Katie Frye Hammond started her career with a public relations firm in Detroit, but she ultimately found that she's much more attracted to the nonprofit sector. Upon moving to Tecumseh, she spent four years working for Bixby and Herrick hospitals; on the side, she wrote grants and raised funds for the Boys & Girls Club of Lenawee.

Hammond's path to Adrian College included a few detours. She left her marketing job at Bixby in 2004 to stay home when her oldest daughter had a health scare, and just when she was ready to return to full-time work, her husband had an opportunity to move to Mexico for his job with Brazeway in Adrian.

So the family moved to Queretaro, Mexico, where Matthew

Hammond was tasked with integrating a newly acquired Brazeway facility into the company. "As much of a challenge as it was," she says, "it was also very rewarding to learn about another culture and just be immersed in that environment." One of her favorite memories: sitting around a table with mothers from Mexico, Poland and Denmark — all speaking to each other in English and to their children in their native tongues — and thinking "this will probably never happen again in my life."

WHAT SHE'S WORKING ON NOW:

Raising funds for Renaissance II, a \$12 million campaign to improve Adrian College's academic programs, and learning about green technology in conjunction with the college's new Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies.

WHAT'S ON HER WALL:

Pictures of her family, art by her daughters, and a sheet of paper reading "Always ask ... How does this benefit the students of Adrian College?"

LAST BOOK SHE READ: "Let My People Go Surfing: The Education of a Reluctant Businessman," by Yvon Chouinard.

FAVORITE MOVIES: "Almost Famous," "Little Miss Sunshine," "Elizabethtown," "21," "Juno," "Crash" and almost all romantic comedies.

FAVORITE LOCAL HANGOUTS:

Evans Street Station, The Daily Grind, Country House Restaurant, The Barley House.

PEOPLE WHO KNOW HER SAY:

College president Jeffrey Docking says Hammond is a key player in Renaissance II and someone who can "see clearly and act decisively in complicated circumstances." He calls her "one of the brightest and most effusive young leaders I've met since I arrived in Adrian in 2005."