In this week's #ThankfulThursday, as we continue to give thanks for those that make having fun in Sienna possible, we meet the Association's Community Relations Manager, Cyndi Hernandez.

Cyndi is a Sienna resident, having lived in the community for 22 years, worked here for 17. Cyndi and her husband George have two boys, Nick (27) & Joey (25).

Cyndi is a native of Golden, Colorado and a Colorado State University alum. Her favorite pastimes include reading and traveling.

When asked who she admires the most, who her hero is, she proudly says, "My mother – she was way ahead of her time – she did many things that women weren't 'supposed' to do (photography, driving trucks, working, traveling alone); she told me to live my life well and without regrets but to be kind and compassionate and to love fiercely. That advice still holds."

What is your favorite "spot" in Sienna? "Honestly – I have 3 and I can't pick between them: Amphitheatre overlooking Waters lake, Sawmill Lake Club patio overlooking the lake and my backyard," she says.

We were curious what has been the most rewarding in her role with the Association in regards to recreation in Sienna? "Developing activities and events for the community and creating some really fabulous experiences for people. The things we've done over the last 15 years - like Wild on Sienna Safari, Bollywood, Halloween Camp Out, Giving Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa, Snow Blast and more – are events that people still talk about, and several like the Camp Out are annual traditions for families."

"Sienna has been a great place for our family to live and grow 'older'. George and I have made life-long friends here — even those who had to move away, return to visit."

We're so glad you made Sienna home years ago, Cyndi...you make it feel like home for all the rest of us daily.

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