



Richelle Marie Garcia

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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Richelle is our In-House AR Manager and is an important key element to Katz & Klein. Although managing the In-House AR Department is her primary duty, she is well diverse in other department aspects, which includes the Surface and Finish Bench Department. She has been an active employee with Katz & Klein for the past 7½ years and absolutely enjoys every minute of it.

Richelle Marie Garcia was born on July 2nd in Sacramento. Her first name was inspired by her father's name, Richard and her middle name from her grandmother. Richelle has one daughter, Corrine (Cori) who is 16 and was named after her mother. Just like her daughter Cori, Richelle is an only child but has family all over the USA, including North Dakota, Colorado, Washington, Utah and Montana.

When asked about her job history, Richelle animatedly retells her early memories of working with Katz & Klein. "I first worked at Katz & Klein during my high school years washing trays. I hated washing trays! Years after high school, I was hired by Ellis Katz. The first week I was asked to work at Woodland Clinic as an optician and by the second week was hired on as a permanent optician. After working at Woodland Clinic for 15 years Mike Francesconi asked me to come back and resume my place at Katz & Klein and I've been here ever since." When asked about other occupations, she replies, "I also worked with abused children at Deerfield School, a Baptist facility that is now closed, here in Sacramento."

Interesting tidbits about Richelle is she absolutely loves chocolate. "I also love gin and tonic, too if you have it," she points out excitedly. She does not have a particular favorite food, but claims, "I love Mexican food!" In the 6th grade she was one of two students to visit the White House. "I took a tour in the White House but the president wasn't there!" Her favorite holiday is Easter. "I love the rabbits! I love watching the kids look for eggs during Easter egg hunts."

When asked about her favorite hobbies she explains, "I love to be outside. I love to cross stitch and I like to draw for myself. I'm an artist. In my high school senior year I received the 'B of A Fine Arts Award.' I also have a house trained rabbit named Buddy." Richelle loves gardening. She does not like winter, but will settle for a blanket and a cozy fire. Watching TV is her least favorite thing to do. It bores and depresses her. She considers herself wild. "My parents sent me to Catholic school so I became very wild because of that."

"The best thing about working at Katz & Klein is that I have lots of fun. I can float around and work in other positions. My dream vacation is that once I win the CA State Lottery, I will continue working because I'm a workaholic. I will buy a house in Mexico and drink lots of tequila with my father and buy a place in Paris because that's where my mother likes to go."

Richelle is a spirited individual with a lot of experiences in the optical industry. We appreciate and very grateful to have her on our team. Katz & Klein would not be the same without her.

