



# In the Spotlight

*Highlighting Exceptional Employees*

## Tammy Morales

**Assistant Human Resources Development Consultant**

Tammy Morales joined the Town of Chapel Hill earlier this month, leaving a human resources position at a small mental health agency in Raleigh.

She still lives in Raleigh, but just as the annual holiday parade will take to the streets of downtown Chapel Hill and Carrboro on Dec. 13, so will Tammy with moving boxes. She's moving to Carrboro on that day.

In the just more than two weeks with the Town, she's helped with the recruitment and staffing of temporary program support internships, workers comp, and other HR processes.

"It's definitely a learning curve, and everybody's been supportive and nice," Tammy said. "I'm really excited." Tammy says she loves that the Town has such strong values.

"My passion for human resources is fueled by being in an atmosphere that is conducive to clear and constructive communication," Tammy said.

Tammy says she's torn about what to do around the holidays since she's moving so close to Christmas. She is a festive person, and doesn't know whether to put her Christmas tree up in her current apartment or wait until she's in Carrboro.

"I need to put up my Christmas tree," Tammy said. "My Christmas tree is awesome. It's white and it has a bunch of pink, orange and blue in it. It's basically the Christmas tree a little girl would want."

Tammy shares her apartment with her cat, Ella Blue Marker, who gets her first name from Tammy's great aunt. To say "hello," stop by her office in Town Hall and ask where the 'Blue Marker' comes from.

In her free time, Tammy says she enjoys writing poetry, reading and going to street festivals. She says she used to host and perform at spoken word and poetry events and that when she gets settled in Carrboro, she might start doing that again. She also enjoys looking for vintage mushroom home décor and "all things 1970's tacky."

### Value in the Spotlight Communication



Tammy's mother and brother both live in Fayetteville, and she visits them often.

—Story by Ran Northam

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**Safety**  
**Professionalism**  
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**Communication**  
**Teamwork**

