

Tami Hritzay, a Northwestern PA native, has many interests- author, photographer, calligrapher, artist, and teacher, to name a few. Her childhood was spent on a 96-acre farm. Horses, drawing, singing, and hikes to the woods gave her an active imagination.

After graduating from Edinboro University with an art education degree, she taught on the Navajo reservation in Arizona, where she developed some lasting friendships before traveling back east. In addition to teaching music at LCA, she teaches art classes at the Chautauqua Institute and Penn State Behrend "College for Kids." Captivated by her storytelling, her students and friends were delighted when Tami followed her dreams and began writing her "The Hole in the Wall" book series.

As a cancer survivor of nearly 60 years, she is thankful to be alive and considers herself to be one of God's miracles! She was diagnosed with bone cancer at age eight, leading to the loss of her right leg. Tami credits her parents and friends for encouraging her to continue pursuing her interests.

Tami says, "We live in a very chaotic world. I am so thankful I have Jesus as my rock! As I work with young people at public schools, Penn State Behrend University, Chautauqua Institute, McLane Youth, and LCA, I see a need for adults to mentor and share God's love. I want to be 'light' pointing others to Jesus. I find it so refreshing to be able to share my faith and gifts at a Christian school. I love teaching the kids. I'm so thankful to share with them. They are Leaders for tomorrow. I appreciate the staff. They are so different from the secular world. Praying, sharing, and helping is their norm every day! LCA is a wonderful school because it has a solid foundation, Jesus Christ, the Rock!"

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