

Meri Luarasi-Gaumond Bio

Meri Luarasi-Gaumond is an energetic professional with an impressive track record spanning over twenty-five years in counseling, social services, marketing, and elder care. With a Master of Science Degree in Counseling from Cairn University and a dual Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Administration and Linguistics from the University of Tirana, Albania, Meri brings a diverse range of expertise to the table. Her commitment to personal growth is evident through her numerous certificates in theological, women's and international studies, medical interpreting, dementia care, and personal/ memory care home administration.

Previously, Meri served as the Memory Care Administrator at Pickering Manor, a nonprofit CCRC in Newtown, PA. As a dynamic team leader, she spearheaded the development of the memory care unit, overseeing everything from facility design and construction to budgeting, marketing, staffing, training, and regulatory compliance. Meri's passion for educating others about dementia led her to become an in-house educator for all staff while volunteering to facilitate dementia support groups for families and the community. Her innovative work in introducing motion sensors for home settings earned her recognition from DHS/PALA, and she played a pivotal role in shaping state policy on this technology for memory care facilities. Meri's expertise is highly sought-after, and she frequently speaks on dementia at conferences and professional gatherings.

She also served as Director of Marketing, Social Services & Admissions, where she achieved and maintained 100% census while providing comprehensive psychosocial assessments, discharge plans, and wellness meetings for each resident. With her background as a Dual Diagnosis Therapist and Case Manager for Bucks County, Meri brings a unique perspective to enhance clinical patients' mental and cognitive health.

Passionate about helping individuals achieve their goals and enhance their quality of life, Meri possesses exceptional communication, leadership, and problem-solving skills. Her commitment to supporting diverse populations is evident through her past involvement with nonprofits that assist new Americans and her role as a government interpreter. Mother Theresa, an extraordinary woman of Albanian descent who dedicated her life to serving the poor and sick, serves as a constant source of inspiration for Meri. She wholeheartedly embraces Mother Theresa's philosophy of care, believing that love can make a significant difference even in its simplest form. Meri knows firsthand the impact of the kindness shown to her as an international student from Albania, and she is driven to be an instrument of love for others and give back to her community.

As the Executive Director of Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic, Meri is excited to lead the organization in its mission to provide healthcare to those experiencing poverty and lack of insurance. She firmly believes in diversity and equality of opportunity for all individuals and recognizes that improved health can empower people to build a brighter future in America. Meri's unwavering commitment and readiness to tackle the clinic's challenges will help support

innovative solutions and foster equitable health outcomes for every person who walks through their doors.