

# Making Lives Less Taxing

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For as long as Cherie Landwehr can remember, she has always had a way with numbers. Upon graduating from Crosby-Ironton High School, Cherie pursued her accounting degree in St. Cloud. After receiving her degree, Cherie worked for a local accounting and tax firm where she gained experience with cost accounting, public accounting, estate planning, taxes, and financial planning. Cherie discovered she loved working more closely with people and, realizing the focus of her career was going in a new direction, made the decision to start her own business in 2006. She now owns and operates Landwehr Financial Solutions LLC, a local public accounting firm offering individualized service for business and personal taxes and accounting.

Holding true to her company's mission, "to encourage clients to think about and organize their finances and teach skills and strategies to be more in control of their money," Cherie emphasizes her ability to engage in open, honest, non-judgmental communication with each of her clients. Cherie states her goal for every client is to "take the stressfulness away from finances." Mrs. Landwehr explains, "Our clients have an investment in the service we provide them and we take that very seriously. We do everything we can to make a potentially stressful area of their lives less 'taxing.'" Cherie has successfully created a holistic approach to finances stating, "We provide high-level, high-integrity service to our clients, in a very technical field, in a way that feels comfortable for them."

Cherie's drive to set her clients up for success fuels her commitment to being a lifelong learner. She's constantly in search of ways to improve and tailor her services to her client's



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needs. Aside from the multitude of certifications and licenses Mrs. Landwehr holds, she has also attended the Dave Ramsey workshops in TN., giving her firm the ability to be a Dave Ramsey endorsed provider for tax preparation in the St. Cloud area.

Cherie measures her firm's success by seeing her client's goals come to fruition. She contributes her firm's success to hard work and hiring great people. She states, "I like being able to make decisions about how my company is run and the values we uphold." Cherie states, "Running a business is a constant balancing act. It's easy to let work take over other areas of my life, especially this time of year." She contributes her ability to balance the demands of owning a business to her husband. She states, "He's a very calming force in my life. If I'm facing a tough decision or have an issue that needs to be dealt with, I like to jump right in and just do something...he's more of a thinker, so he slows me down a bit."

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