



### **Jenn Donaldson RN**

When I was asked to be birth partner to a dear friend in college, I had no idea the experience would change the course of my life so much. I was instantly enamored of the strong women who attended my friend during her birth, and awestruck by the birthing process and everything surrounding the experience. I had been called to this work with no earthly idea where to begin, but due to fortunate happenstance, I quickly found my way to Birthwise, where I completed my academic training in 1998. It was as a midwifery student that I first met Brenda when she was in attendance at my first home birth.

After Birthwise, I explored different apprenticeship opportunities, and traveled to The Gambia and Kenya to work in local maternity clinics under the supervision of local Nurse Midwives. Ultimately, I completed a Nursing degree and worked as a Labor and Delivery Nurse, and Childbirth Educator for fourteen years until the birth of my third daughter at home in 2013. I am a licensed Registered Nurse in Maine, and maintain certifications in Neonatal Resuscitation and CPR, and Childbirth Education.

I live in a big old farmhouse in Waterford with my husband, an assortment of animals, and our three fierce little girls who were all born at home with Sacopee midwives.