

# **Employee Spotlight Charlotte Hart**



We continue our Spotlight Interview series where we ask our employees what they like about working at MCDC and how they spend their free time.

This month we are introducing 7(a) Associate <u>Charlotte Hart</u> who has been with MCDC since the fall of 2019. Charlotte is a key member of the LSP Team making sure the documentation and portfolio management area of the department are in order.

Charlotte Hart

## Before working at MCDC, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had?

My most unusual or interesting job was actually my very first job. I grew up in a small, rural community, so farming was all around. Nevertheless, corn detasseling was not an abnormal job to have at the age of 14. This is where you remove the tassel on the female plants so that the male plant can do the pollinating to create a hybrid corn.

I'll always remember my first day as the temperature was hot and the sun was not kind. A group of us were transferred by an old school bus to the corn fields. We were then instructed not to miss a row as we spent the day walking up and down each one detasseling. Every few hours we were offered water and it felt never-ending. It definitely took a toll on me as I was so sunburned, sore and tired that I went home and fell right into bed. The job lasted about a month rain or shine but I eventually adapted to it. Consequently, after that experience I couldn't eat corn for a long time!

#### What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to spend time with my fiancé and two beagles. Our oldest dog, Maggie is 11 years old and quite the rabbit hunter. She is slowing down in her old age but continues to be full of energy and wants to keep going. We also have a 7 month old beagle, Lola. She is all attitude and quite the handful! Together we enjoy long walks on the trails and working on our projects in the barn.

#### What is the favorite part about working for MCDC?

My favorite part about working for MCDC is seeing the difference that each 7(a) loan makes in people's lives and the communities they live in. It's always fun and exciting to see the projects across the country that our 7(a) team is working on. I love the work that I do every day and I'm proud to work at MCDC.

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