Katherine Foster began working in the transplant division just over a year ago as an executive office and administrative assistant supporting Drs. Chinnakotla, Dunn, and Finger.

She enjoys working in the transplant division and the challenge of learning how to balance both the academic and clinical aspects of her position. She brings to her current position an understanding of patient care needs. Prior to working at the University of Minnesota, for five years she was a home care provider and supervisor in group homes. This experience helps her relate to the patients she interacts with in her current role, because so much of her previous work was advocating on behalf of clients who suffered from mental and physical disabilities, including autism.

Katherine is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in Psychology and Sociology of Law, Crime, and Deviance. Currently, she lives in Watertown, MN with her boyfriend, Brian and black lab, Gadi.

In her free time, you can find Katherine at the rink. She is the secretary for the Women’s Hockey Association of Minnesota (WHAM); the largest women’s hockey league in the world, with 93 teams this season. She is a goalie for a B2 team; played since she was in 4th grade and goalie since 6th grade.

In nominating Katherine, Dr. Chinnakotla recognized her for superb professionalism, communication organizational skills. Dr. Chinnakotla in his nomination says, “Her pleasant attitude and reliable follow-through with patients and referring physicians has been an asset to our division.”

Below Dr. Chinnakotla expresses in nomination how Katherine is such an asset to the transplant division:

“Katherine has particularly been helpful in the pediatric transplant surgery workflow to Amplatz Children’s Hospital. She diligently juggles the surgeon’s schedule so all patients are seen in a timely fashion in both the pediatric and the adult clinics even a day filled with emergent transplants. She has also been very helpful in insuring the referring physicians receive communication immediately after the transplants are performed and that has been very much appreciated by the referring physicians. “