

I am Gretchen Covelli. I have been a vendor with the Kenosha HarborMarket since 2014. I own a small Fair Trade business, Gypsies Baskets, which focuses on African Market Baskets handmade by artisan women in Ghana, as well as some sustainable living products. In addition to my weekly booth at the Kenosha HarborMarket, I attend various out of state events such as Mother Earth News Fairs and Gardening shows. When I am not selling baskets, I teach kids Yoga at FitFam in Downtown Kenosha, write a biweekly column for the SmartReader with Happenings Magazine and am on the Volunteer & Blogging Committee for DKI, (Downtown Kenosha Inc).

On a more personal level, I am a mama to 3 little humans, who truly aren't so little anymore (8,12 & 15 years). We have homeschooled for the past 9 years, which has allowed them to travel and work alongside me in my booth. This current school year my daughter enrolled in Indian Trails High School and is (was) absolutely loving it. I try to instill a sense of community in my kids as much as possible so many times they are volunteering right along with me Downtown. My daughter has been one of the contributing artist for the Holiday HarborMarket for the past 2 years. She was also hired to paint the wall mural in the Alley Oop (alley located between Dakini Healing and Creative Space) this past summer.

Over these past 5 years the market patrons, board members/ staff and vendors alike have become so important to me, my "market family" if you will. Being a small part of it gave me a sense of community that I have never felt before, and I am a Kenosha native. I am very excited to see this amazing group of people coming together to keep a market in Kenosha and make it better than ever. I want to say thank you for having me, I am beyond thrilled to be a part of this!