

**Kirsten has lived in High Point since 1996, when she married her husband, Tony, a High Point native. They met at Appalachian State, where Kirsten cheered for 2 of her 4 years there. After graduating, Kirsten went to UNC-Greensboro to obtain her Master's Degree in communication sciences and disorders.**

**After working in many different settings serving an array of populations, Kirsten decided a few years ago to go out on her own, and in 2019 she opened her own private practice. She is now the proud owner of High Point Speech Therapy, a pediatric clinic serving children as young as 15 months through high school age. She loves working with children and watching them grow as they gain new speech and language skills.**

**The mission of Communities in Schools and the services they provide is near and dear to Kirsten's heart. She is a past board member and served as a Reading Buddies tutor/mentor for several years.**

**Kirsten and Tony have three children who are their pride and joy: Landon, 22, Harrison, 19, and Emma, 11. Each of her children attended schools that CIS serves. In her free time, Kirsten enjoys playing tennis, spending time with her family, and hanging out with her neighborhood "Circle" friends.**

**Kirsten was blessed to be the daughter-in-law of Owen Bertschi, who passed away just a few months ago. Owen was an avid supporter of many agencies, events, and worthy causes in High Point. Kirsten is dancing in honor of him, his legacy, and all he did for this great community.**