

### **A Personal Statement from Melanie**

When I opened Vertical Fusion 4 years ago I didn't know what the future held. I knew that I wanted to share pole with as many people as I could by making it accessible. In a whirlwind I opened 3 locations in less than two years! Driven by passion and admittedly, a bit of disillusion, I bit off more than I could chew. But once I was in, I was committed! Without a doubt the past four years have been the most challenging, the most exhausting, and the most fulfilling years of my life. But now is the time for me to refocus my energies so that I can give more time to my family, my own pole practice, and my other passions.

I knew the day would come when I would have to make the difficult decision about what to do when my lease in Fort Collins expired. What I didn't know and didn't expect was how perfectly it would play out. Not only did I find a buyer but the buyer is already Vertical Fusion family, a dear friend, AND she desires to carry on the Vertical Fusion legacy. I couldn't have imagined a better scenario!

Yes, a part of me is sad that I won't be the owner/operator of Vertical Fusion Fort Collins but it is for a selfish reason; not seeing the people I've come to know and love on a regular basis. Admittedly I haven't been as present as I would have liked to be and more importantly, as my clients and staff deserve. So I confidently and tranquilly hand the reigns over to Christine.

While I will not be teaching on a regular basis, my hope is to still be able to do regular workshops in Fort Collins! I look forward to continuing to dance with you all for years to come!

Thank you for so many beautiful and priceless memories, Fort Collins! We will most definitely continue to make more!

To Christine: Thank you for taking this leap of faith, thank you for your passion, thank you for believing in and continuing the Vertical Fusion Fort Collins legacy. I love you with all my heart!