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Speaking of community, I recently had the pleasure of enjoying afternoon tea at the beautiful, historic **Plumb House**, home of the Clearwater Historical Society, and it was absolutely charming. If you’re looking for a unique outing, gather a few friends, check out their upcoming tea party schedule, and treat yourself to a delightful afternoon. The food was delicious, the atmosphere was incredible, and it’s a wonderful way to experience a little piece of Clearwater history while supporting one of our area’s treasured landmarks.

This month, we’re excited to feature Liv, whose dedication, determination, and love for volleyball remind us that success comes from showing up, working hard, and embracing every opportunity to grow. We’re proud to share her story and celebrate another remarkable young neighbor who represents the very best of our community.

We’re also pleased to spotlight Luis with Tampa Property Inspections, whose commitment to helping homeowners make

informed decisions has earned the trust of families throughout the area. Thank you for supporting *Stroll Harbor Bluffs* and investing in the community we all love.

As always, thank you to our incredible residents, contributors, and sponsors who make each issue possible. Whether you’re reconnecting with neighbors after a busy summer, discovering a local hidden gem like the Plumb House, or meeting someone new through these pages, we hope this issue inspires you to continue building the relationships that make Harbor Bluffs feel like home.

Here’s to a wonderful September!

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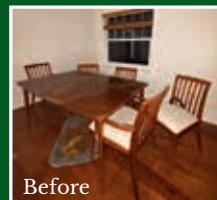
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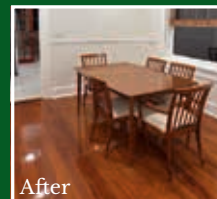
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Liv has called Harbor Bluffs home since she was two years old, and she can't imagine growing up anywhere else. With the beach, the water, and a close-knit community all around her, she's made memories she'll always treasure. As she prepares for high school at IRCS, she's already balancing two big passions: volleyball and the dream of one day owning her own beauty salon.

Volleyball first entered Liv's life in fourth grade, but the beginning wasn't easy. Playing alongside older girls felt intimidating, and she often worried about making mistakes. Everything changed thanks to Coach Jared D'Alessio at CDWS.

"He always believed in me, even when I didn't believe in myself," Liv says. "He encouraged me to keep trying, work hard, and have confidence."

Those early lessons helped shape her into the player she is today. While she





doesn't describe herself as the loudest athlete on the court, she knows exactly what fuels her success.

"I just really love volleyball," she says. "I care about getting better and helping my team. My love for the game motivates me to keep practicing, learning, and showing up ready to work."

Looking ahead, Liv hopes to continue playing volleyball throughout high school and possibly even in college while earning a business degree.

That business education will help support another dream she's had for years: opening her own beauty salon.

"I've always loved being creative," she says. "I'd love to own a salon where I can do hair coloring, cuts, nails, and other beauty services."

For now, she's already putting those creative talents to work by doing her own nails and helping friends with theirs. She enjoys experimenting with nail art and loves how beauty gives people a chance to express themselves and feel more confident.

Outside of sports and beauty, Liv enjoys writing, another creative outlet that has been encouraged by her English teacher, who has always believed in her abilities. Recently, she's even discovered a new interest in classic horror movies like *It* and *Jaws*, adding another fun hobby to her growing list.



Family also plays a huge role in Liv's life. She lives with her mom, her dog Hazel, and her cat, Mr. Bean. Recently, her mom's boyfriend, Robbie, brought his energetic cat, Cheetah, into the family.

"She definitely lives up to her name because she is wild—but in the best way possible," Liv laughs.



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She also enjoys spending weekends with Robbie's daughters, Ava and Aubree, who have become two of her favorite people to spend time with.

One of Liv's longest and most treasured relationships is with her best friend, Teresa D'Alessio. The two have been friends since they were two and a half years old.

Although they'll attend different high schools next year, Liv knows their friendship is built to last. In July Teresa is going to Canada with Liv for two weeks.

When asked who inspires her most, the answer comes easily.

"I admire my mom," she says. "She always shows up for me and supports me in every way. She's a good communicator,





always listens, and helps me work through things. Even when I don't want to clean my room, she somehow finds a way to make it fun—or at least not so boring.”

She also credits her grandparents with teaching her the importance of kindness, creativity, and family.

Whether she's diving for a volleyball, designing bold new nail art, or imagining the future salon she'll one day bring to life, Liv moves forward with a quiet confidence and unstoppable drive. Her creativity fuels her vision, her determination pushes her further, and together they are shaping a future that is not only bright—but entirely her own.

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Beth is an experienced professional photographer specializing in Weddings and Engagements, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, corporate events, family portraits, Senior Portraits, Professional Headshots, Anniversaries, Reunions, and a wide variety of Special Events.

Her photographic style is best described as “*Artistic Journalism*”— capturing authentic moments with creativity and emotion. Inspired by years of working with black-and-white film photography, Beth often incorporates timeless black-and-white imagery into her digital work, creating striking and memorable photographs.

Beth’s top priority is client satisfaction. She is dedicated to going above and beyond to ensure every event is documented beautifully and every client receives exceptional service. Adaptable and resourceful, she excels in dynamic environments and is known for her ability to think creatively when unique challenges arise.

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THE TEACHER WITH FOUR LEGS

BY JEWELS CHANDLER



Every writer searches for inspiration somewhere... in people, places, heartbreak, adventure, or quiet moments. I find mine curled up at my feet with four paws, soulful eyes, and a tail that somehow knows exactly when I need comforting. His name is Fenway. He is a 10-year-old Shepherd-Hound mix I rescued when he was 1 year old.

He is never just a dog. Fenway became part companion, part therapist, part comic relief, and part loyal shadow through the ordinary and extraordinary chapters of life. He greets me every morning as if it is a celebration, and every time I return home, as though years have passed instead of hours. In a world constantly asking us to hurry, Fenway masters the art of slowing down and simply being present.

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somehow the purest lessons come without any words at all. Fenway teaches me about loyalty that asks for nothing in return, joy found in routine moments, and love that remains steady through every season. Whether stretched across my feet while I try to work or faithfully sitting nearby during other moments, he quietly became woven into every page of my life.

People may know me as a writer for *Stroll Harbor Bluffs*, but Fenway knows me simply as his person...no titles, no expectations, no performance required. Perhaps that is why animals leave such permanent marks on our hearts. They love us for who we are underneath all the noise.

This is not merely the story of a dog. It is the story of companionship, devotion, laughter, paw prints, and the kind of love that changes a home forever. Fenway may never write a single word, but somehow he became and continues to be my favorite story of all.

I would love to write about your Precious Pet in an upcoming issue. Contact Devin or me. jewelsc2004@yahoo.com or text 727-743-1708

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After years of hard work, career pivots, and personal sacrifice, Luis Rodriguez built Tampa Property Inspections with one simple philosophy: take care of people first, and success will follow.

FOR LUIS RODRIGUEZ, the path to business ownership wasn't a straight line—it was built through perseverance, adaptability, and a commitment to putting people first.

Originally from New Jersey, Luis met his wife in an unexpected way: through an online video game while they were both in high school. After four years of long-distance dating, the couple married and moved to the Tampa Bay area so

Luis could support her through college, medical school, and residency.

Along the way, Luis built a career in HVAC and planned to eventually earn his contractor's license. But after tearing his bicep tendon and dealing with several other injuries, he realized he needed a profession that would provide for his family without taking such a physical toll.

"I've always had an eye for detail and enjoyed working with people," Luis says. "Home inspections felt like the right fit."

While recovering from his injuries, he earned his home inspector's license while driving for Uber and Lyft to help pay the bills. He was soon hired by a local inspection company, where he quickly established himself as one of the area's most dependable inspectors. Over time,

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he became the sole inspector covering an 80-mile radius throughout the Tampa Bay region, working seven days a week while also building strong relationships with local real estate professionals.

His dedication earned him the prestigious Certified Master Inspector designation, but as his wife neared the end of her residency and the couple prepared to welcome their first child, Luis realized something had to change.

“I wanted the flexibility to be there for my family while still providing for them,” he says.

That decision led him to launch **Tampa Property Inspections**, a company built around exceptional customer service, trusted expertise, and a healthy work-life balance.

Just one year later, the business has grown into one of Clearwater’s top five home inspection companies. Luis and his wife are now proud parents to an eight-month-old daughter, while his wife has begun her career as a physician in Tarpon Springs.

Growing a successful business hasn’t come without challenges.

“The road hasn’t been smooth, but that doesn’t mean it wasn’t good,” Luis says. “Every experience is an opportunity to learn, grow, and do better.”

Early on, his focus was finding new clients through constant networking and relationship building. As the business matured, the challenge shifted to maintaining those relationships through consistency, communication, and dependable service. Becoming a new father added another layer, requiring him to balance family life with entrepreneurship.

That’s where fellow inspector Casey joined the team.

While Casey serves clients in the field, Luis manages the business and spends valuable time at home with his daughter—a balance he worked years to achieve.

What truly sets Tampa Property Inspections apart isn’t just its comprehensive list of services—it’s the company’s people-first philosophy.

Having experienced burnout and poor customer service firsthand while working for others, Luis wanted to create a different kind of workplace.

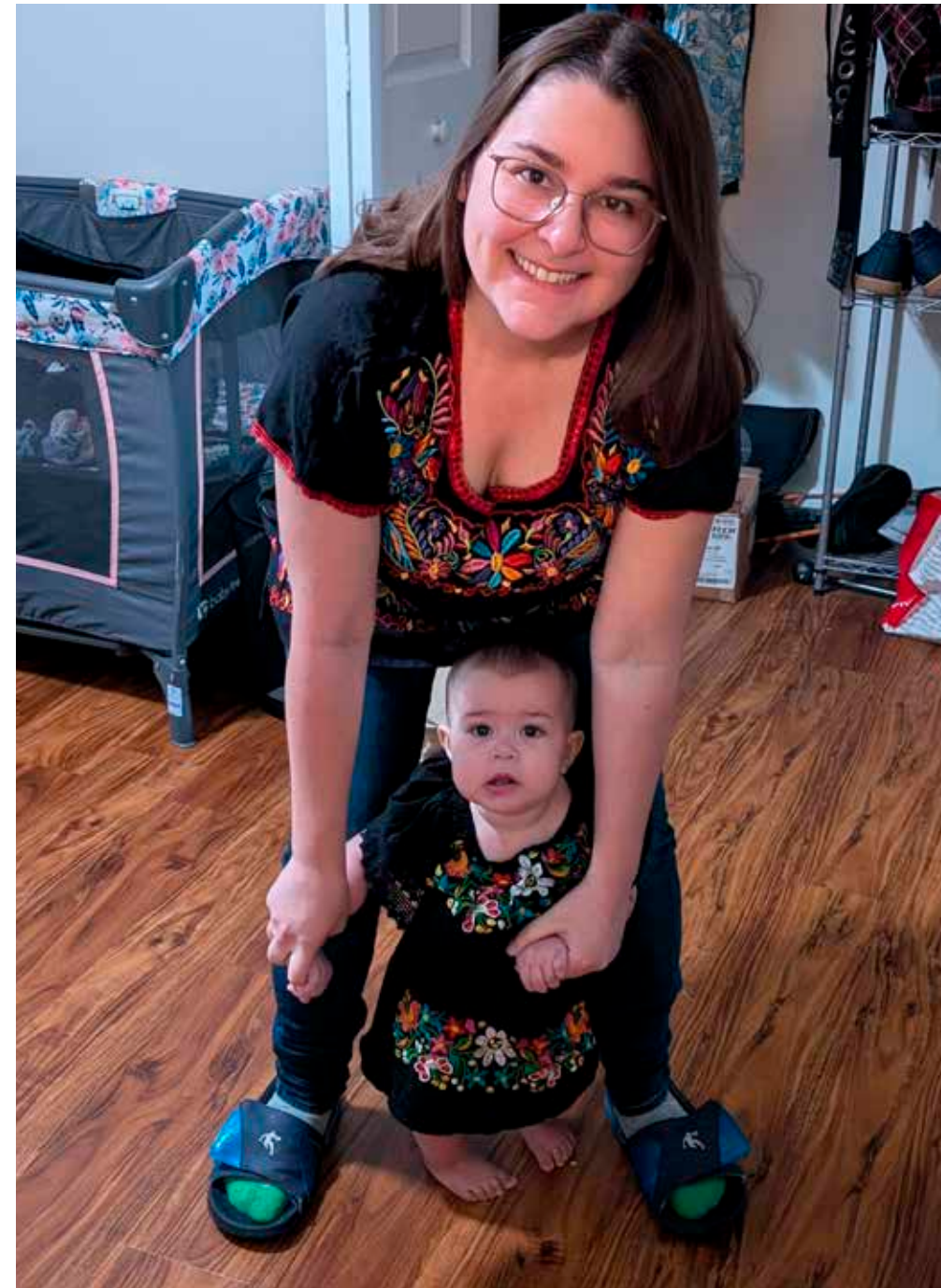
“My mindset has always been that if you take care of your employees, they’ll take care of your clients. Then the clients take care of the company.”

That philosophy is already paying off. Casey has shared milestones like paying off long-standing debt, taking vacations, and reaching personal income goals—successes Luis considers just as meaningful as business growth.

At the same time, satisfied homeowners and trusted real estate agents continue referring friends, family, and clients, creating steady growth through relationships built on trust.

Today, Tampa Property Inspections offers comprehensive residential inspection services, including general home inspections, four-point inspections, wind mitigation reports, mold testing, well water testing, roof certifications, solar panel inspections, and wood-destroying organism inspections through a trusted partner. The team is also expanding its expertise with commercial property and pre-drywall inspection certifications, ensuring they can continue meeting the evolving needs of Tampa Bay homeowners and businesses.

Looking ahead, Luis knows the real estate market will continue to evolve, but he’s confident that diversifying services and



maintaining exceptional customer care will keep the company moving forward.

“Our goal is to be there for our clients no matter what the market looks like,” he says. “We’re always looking for new ways to serve them better.”

For Luis, success isn’t measured only by inspections completed—it’s measured by happy clients, fulfilled employees, and having the freedom to be present for the moments that matter most.



Luis is the home inspector you should hire. He’s incredibly friendly, thorough, and honest. This is my fifth house that he’s inspected, and I have not had a single minor complaint. Even after the initial inspection and the re-inspection, he still greets you warmly and professionally, as if he’s just meeting you for the first time.

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Thank you, Luis and Casey!

—AV HNG

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Luis got back to us immediately regarding our home inspection. He was able to accommodate our schedule by doing the inspection on a weekend so we could be there and not take time away from work. The website, payment, and ease of getting the report were so great and easy!

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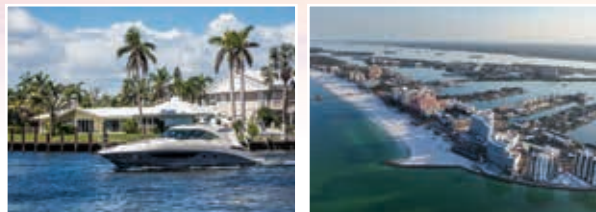
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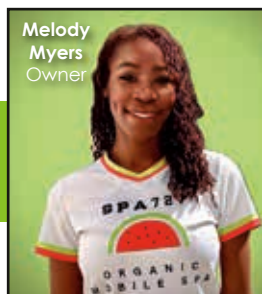
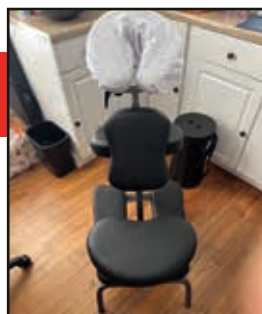
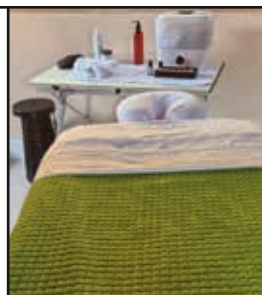
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A Harbor Oaks Home with a Remarkable Story

BY JEANNE HOLMQUIST, SECRETARY,
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Have you ever driven past an old house and wondered who once lived there?

There is one home in Harbor Oaks that always captures my attention. Just off Fort Harrison Avenue on Druid Road stands a stately Dutch Colonial house built in 1924. To many, it is simply another beautiful historic home. But to those who know its story, it was once home to Norman Buckingham Beecher and his family—a man whose life intersected with some of the most significant people and events of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Norman Buckingham Beecher was born in 1877 in Hillsboro, Ohio, to the Rev. George Buckingham Beecher and Anne Price Beecher. At the time of Norman's birth, his father was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. His grandfather, also the Rev. George Beecher, was the brother of famed author Harriet Beecher Stowe, making Norman the great-nephew of the woman whose novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* became one of the most influential books in American history.

Yet Norman's own accomplishments were impressive in their own right.

After graduating from Yale University in 1898 and Harvard Law School in 1901, Beecher became an attorney with the New

York law firm of Burlingham, Montgomery & Beecher. The firm represented the White Star Line following the tragic sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Later, during World War I, Beecher served as Counsel for the Oil Division of the federal government.

His reputation as a maritime attorney earned him an appointment in 1922 to represent the United States at the International Conference on Maritime Law in London and Brussels. Alongside Judge Charles M. Hough—president of the Maritime Law Association and a judge involved in the Titanic proceedings—Beecher helped draft what would become the early Hague Rules, an important step toward creating uniform international maritime laws.

In 1922, Norman married Miriam Woolley. Before their marriage, Miriam had served as secretary and governess to Richard and Ellen Crane. Richard Crane was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as the first United States diplomat to Czechoslovakia, and Miriam accompanied Ellen Crane to Prague to join her husband during that historic diplomatic assignment.

Two years later, in 1924, Norman and Miriam made Clearwater their winter home, purchasing the Harbor Oaks residence that still stands today. Norman became an avid golfer and member of the Clearwater Country Club, while Miriam immersed herself in conservation efforts. She served as president of the Clearwater Audubon Society and was active in Junior Audubon educational programs in both Florida and North Carolina. Like many affluent families of the era, they spent winters in Clearwater and summers in Asheville, North Carolina, raising their three children—Norman Jr., Anne, and Barbara.

Their eldest son, Norman Jr., inherited his parents' curiosity and sense of adventure. After attending school in Clearwater through the tenth grade, he enrolled at a private boarding school in North Carolina before entering the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1940. While participating in ROTC, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant after completing Officer Candidate School in 1944 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from MIT the same year.

Throughout his education and military service in France and Germany during World War II, Norman Jr. maintained a thoughtful correspondence with his family, writing about his faith, personal goals, and wartime experiences.

In 1948, he married Nancy Elizabeth Bartram, a graduate of Wellesley College. The newlyweds accepted teaching positions in Istanbul, Turkey, where Nancy taught primary school to diplomatic families while Norman taught at Robert College. Their years abroad allowed them to travel extensively throughout Europe before eventually returning to the United States.

The couple later purchased a historic Colonial farmhouse in Concord, Massachusetts, where they raised their family. Their remarkable lives, together with generations of family history preserved through letters, became the foundation for the book *Fortunate Journey: Our Lives, Our Family, and Our Forebears*.

Norman Buckingham Beecher died at his Clearwater home in 1965 at the age of 87. Miriam later returned to Asheville, where she lived until her death in 1974. Norman Jr. and Nancy

The next time you drive through Harbor Oaks and admire one of its beautiful historic homes, remember that every house has a story.



Nancy and Norman, who is a World War II veteran, plan to be married this summer. Here they dine together before going to a prom.
From *Look* magazine, vol. 12 no. 11, May 25, 1948

eventually settled in Fort Myers, Florida. Norman passed away in 2016, followed by Nancy in 2019.

Today, the Harbor Oaks home remains a quiet reminder that extraordinary stories often lie behind ordinary front doors. The lives of the Beecher family stretched from the literary legacy of Harriet Beecher Stowe to the aftermath of the Titanic, from the diplomatic circles of post-World War I Europe to classrooms in Istanbul and battlefields in World War II.

The next time you drive through Harbor Oaks and admire one of its beautiful historic homes, remember that every house has a story. Sometimes, those stories reach far beyond Clearwater and into the pages of world history.

As Norman Jr. and Nancy Beecher wrote in the foreword to *Fortunate Journey*:

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The groom, Tasmin Sturgis, is a proud and hardworking local business owner serving the Tampa Bay area. Through his

company, Bright Solutions Pool Cleaning & Pressure Washing, he has built a strong reputation for reliability, professionalism, and dedication to his community. Many in Harbor Bluffs know Tasmin not only for his excellent service but also for his integrity and warm spirit.

The celebration was nothing short of spectacular. From heartfelt vows to a lively reception filled with laughter and dancing, the evening reflected the couple's vibrant energy and deep devotion to one another. Their special day was beautifully



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Heart & Mind: Alzheimer's Tips & Tactics

In honor of World Alzheimer's Month, here are some real-life caregiving lessons, practical strategies, and heartfelt encouragement to help you navigate the Alzheimer's journey—one day, one moment, and one victory at a time.

BY NANCY KRAUSE,
HARBOR BLUFFS RESIDENT

I'M THE DAUGHTER OF SOMEONE with Alzheimer's. I am also the granddaughter, niece, and friend of someone with Alzheimer's. You may be the spouse, parent, or child of someone with Alzheimer's. I wish to convey ways to better cope with caregiving for your loved ones. There is a whole community of resources to guide you through your journey, but it can be overwhelming while you are also handling your own life challenges.

I'd like to start this column with the affirmation that you can only do what you believe is right at the present moment. With more knowledge and experience, you will get better at giving care. You have to keep learning, laughing, and living each day as it is presented to you. "This too shall pass" is a good mantra to help you through the difficult, ephemeral stages—sometimes in the course of one day. Please stay with me as we navigate this life adventure.

Today's thought is from an inspired anonymous quote: "You can't change someone who does not see an issue with their actions. You can only change how you react to them." When my mom wanted to drive her car, we disengaged her spark plug so the car wouldn't start and she couldn't drive. When my Oma wanted another glass of wine, which she swore she had not had, we gave her

non-alcoholic wine, grape juice, beet juice, or açai juice instead. When my husband kept preparing for work (though retired years earlier), we went instead to Sam's Club and walked the aisles until he got everything he needed.

Instead of saying, "No! You can't drive, you can't drink, you don't work anymore," you facilitate another action that they can do. When they want to "go home," don't say, "You are home," but acknowledge that they want to go home. Ask them what their home looks like. Who will be at their home? If need be, put them in the car or walk them around the block and come back to their home. It is respecting what they hold as true in their mind and allows them to feel secure that:

1. You heard them.
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This still may not work. Some days are more challenging than others. Sometimes you need to take a deep breath, take a bathroom break, step outside, and when you return, they may just be happy not to be alone. You can thank them for inviting you over. You can start anew.

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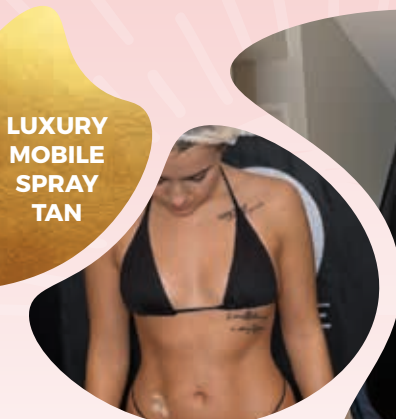
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The Sunset Soirée Golden Hour Runway on May 6, 2026, was an unforgettable evening celebrating community, fashion, philanthropy, and everything that makes Clearwater Beach so special. Hosted at the beautiful Charthouse Hotel on Clearwater Beach, the event welcomed more than 150 guests and raised an incredible \$6,000 for Raising Relief, thanks to the generosity of local businesses, sponsors, donors, and attendees.

One of the highlights of the evening was the stunning Golden Hour Runway Fashion Show, beautifully curated by Poolside at Sand Key. Models of all ages lit up the runway, but it was the kids who truly stole everyone’s hearts, bringing smiles, confidence, and energy that had the crowd cheering throughout the show. Every look was elevated by the talented team at Shear Joy Salon, whose flawless hair and makeup artistry brought the runway vision to life.

Entertainment kept the excitement going all evening. Tina Richardson (Queen T) captivated guests with her powerhouse vocals, energetic dance performances, and magnetic stage presence, while DJ Brandon of World’s Collide kept the atmosphere alive with an incredible soundtrack that had guests celebrating throughout the night.

The venue itself was the perfect backdrop with its sweeping Clearwater Beach Marina views and stunning sunset skies. Wildwood on Main adorned the tables with plants and an interactive floral experience from Bloomtown Flower Bar, allowing guests to create their own floral arrangements. Adding even more fun to the evening, Pose Pumpkin Photo Booth captured countless memories with friends, family, and fellow supporters.

Guests were also treated to an exceptional culinary experience by the talented chefs at Jimmy’s Island Grill, whose creative menu was a crowd

favorite. And if there was one drink everyone was talking about, it was the unforgettable Bad Ass Coffee espresso martinis, which quickly became one of the evening’s biggest highlights.

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This incredible event was produced by Jen Horn Clearwater Beach USA Insider Marketing Specialist and her team, in collaboration with Natalie Moyles, owner of



“The Sunset Soirée was a beautiful example of what can happen when a community comes together with generous hearts. A heartfelt thank you to Jen Horn, Natalie Moyles, and everyone who made this incredible event possible. Your generosity will help Raising Relief Foundation continue making an immediate impact for those who need it most.”
—DEVIN PAPPAS

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More than a fundraiser, the Sunset Soirée showcased the power of a community coming together to support an important cause while celebrating the very best of Clearwater Beach. From fashion and music to food, friendship, and generosity, it was a magical evening that reminded everyone why Clearwater Beach continues to be one of Florida's most vibrant and welcoming destinations.

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