



The Naccarato Family: Keeping Life Simple

The Naccarato family are proud to be a part of the East Wallingford community. “A super simple life” is how Rocky, the patriarch of the family, described it. His wife, Stacie, credits friendly and helpful neighbors to the overall perks of living in the neighborhood. “Our neighbors are friendly and have never hesitated to help out,” shared Stacie. “Specifically in snowstorms.” Along with their two daughters, Hannah (10) and Hadley (6), the family strives to live simply, and not sweat the small stuff. As Stacie says, “Every day is a blessing.”

The couple married in 2017, and purchased their home in

East Wallingford that same year. Together with their children and parents, in the living room of their new home, Stacie and Rocky exchanged vows in a quaint ceremony. Hannah had already created friendships within the school system, where she’d previously been enrolled, so the family felt lucky to have found their forever home in the same school district.

A native of East Wallingford, Rocky grew up in walking distance from Moses Y. Beach Elementary School. He graduated from Lyman Hall High School, class of 2004, before training to become an HVACR technician at Porter and Chester Institute

in Hamden. He's been employed as an HVACR technician at Choate Rosemary Hall for the last six years and loves his job.

Stacie has been a hairstylist for the past 19 years. She opened the Rustic Brush Hair Lounge in Yalesville in January 2018, where she works alongside great friends, including Rocky's mom. Their daughter, Hannah, also likes to help at the salon, whether it's washing bowls, sweeping, or putting away product. Life can get busy, Stacie and Rocky agreed, so they appreciate every bit of time together and try to involve the girls in as much as possible.

In addition to the two cats, the family surprised Hannah with two guinea pigs, Honey and Bear, for her 10th birthday. Hannah attends 5th grade at Pond Hill Elementary School, with Ms. Parr. Stacie credited the addition of the guinea pigs to a well-crafted plea, in a persuasive letter written by Hannah, for a school assignment.

Hannah and Hadley have each enjoyed the art of hip hop, tap and ballet since they were 3 years old, and receive much support from Mom and Dad. "We love getting to watch them perform," says Stacie. They attend dance classes at United Rhythms Dance



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Hadley is in 1st grade at the EC Steven School, with Ms. Melillo. While on a Zoom call with the family this past February, Hadley was delighted to show me their two Himalayan cats, Smoke and Isabelle, who are both 6 years old. The family rescued the cats from the Wallingford Animal Shelter, located on Pent Road in Wallingford. For more information on pet adoptions through the Wallingford Animal Shelter, visit wallingfordanimalcontrol.com.



Rocky, Stacie, Hadley and Hanna
Photo courtesy of Stacie Naccarato



The family's two Himalayan cats, Isabelle and Smoke
Photo by Stacie Naccarat

Studio in Meriden and have recitals every 6-months. Stacie often works evenings, which leaves Rocky the privilege of getting the girls to and from their weekday dance rehearsals; But, as Stacie proudly assured, "He loves doing it! He's known as "The Dance Dad."

Stacie graduated from Naugatuck High School, class of 2001, and went on to study at the former Gal Mar Cosmetology School in North Haven. Upon graduation, she worked at a hair salon in Wallingford, where she met Rocky's mom, Roxie. Interestingly, while working together, Stacie and Roxie became close friends. However, it wouldn't be until years later, in 2008, when Roxie would introduce Stacie to her son. A match was made, and Rocky and Stacie have been together ever since. Stacie remains close to her now mother-in-law, and they continue to work together at Stacie's hair salon. "Life works in wonderful ways." Stacy concluded.



Hannah's guinea pigs, Honey and Bear
Photo by Stacy Naccarato



Hannah and Hadley
Photo by Stacie Naccarat

In addition to roads trips in Rocky's 2001 Camaro, the family has enjoyed visits to Florida and trips to New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. In recent years, they started a new tradition of camping at Lake George Escape in Lake George, New York. They share camping adventures with good friends, the Gervais family, also residents of East Wallingford.

The family uses humor throughout the day to maintain a positive spirit, and not allow life to be taken too seriously. "We're always singing, changing the words, dancing around and having fun," says Stacie. Hadley can be the trickster, who will leave something in your shoe or put a plastic bug in the cereal box. Whatever it is they do to stay lively and upbeat, the Naccaratos seem to roll with life's punches, while managing a healthy work-life balance, and enjoying life as a team effort.