

MEAGAN MOWRY

{ *Chief Operating Officer* }

Homes of Integrity
Construction Company

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Meagan Mowry is no stranger to taking risks and embarking on new adventures, especially ones that enrich the lives of her family and the families around her. A native of Canada, Meagan and her husband John came to Georgia in 1996 when John was stationed at Fort Stewart. When John left the military in 1998, he and Meagan moved to Richmond Hill knowing no one. “We thought making a move to Richmond Hill seemed like a way to start settling in somewhere,” Meagan recalls, “and it seemed like a good place to start making a life for ourselves.”



Six years later, while Meagan was excelling in a demanding career in upper-level retail management, she and John built their first home. John, having previous experience in construction and being a licensed electrician, completed the majority of the manual labor, while Meagan sought out the best deals on building supplies. They sold that home and invested the profits into building another.

Through this experience, John saw an opportunity to create a residential construction company. In support of his vision, and with a lot of faith, prayer, and a newborn baby in tow, Meagan made the bold decision to leave her career in retail and learned to run the business end of their new company, Homes of Integrity Construction Company. The career move would allow her the opportunity to be home more with her family, something she was missing in her previous job, which required extensive travel.

The recession posed a substantial struggle for the company. Meagan likens the company’s experience to that of Savannah-beloved Forrest Gump. Forrest wasn’t the most experienced shrimp boat captain, but when he was sailing the opposite direction of the more skilled boatmen, he became the only shrimp boat captain. Similarly, Homes with Integrity became one of the few active homebuilding companies in the midst of the recession, leading them to continued success. “When I tell that story, usually the listener will say, “Surely there must have been more than sheer luck,” Meagan says. “Of course, there was a tad bit of hard work and planning that went along with it!”

Clay Price, vice president of Operations, left a promising banking career in order to join John and Meagan at Homes of Integrity solely because of his respect and belief in Meagan. “She is a true entrepreneur to the very definition of the word,” Clay says. “Meagan is also a great mom to her two sons, Coleman [age 14] and Triston [age 10] and a loving wife to her husband, John.”

Meagan recognizes that nobody is promised tomorrow, and, for that reason, she and her husband make it a priority to travel with Coleman and Triston as often as possible in hopes of instilling in them the idea that they truly can do anything. For several years, Meagan has volunteered at Savannah Christian Church as a teacher for second grade girls. She is an active member in the Richmond Hill community through the Chamber of Commerce and has held leadership positions within the Savannah Area Homebuilders Association. She and John have invested their time, energy, and money into sponsoring and volunteering for several community events in Richmond Hill, such as the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Homes of Integrity has donated two homes to St. Jude’s Dream Home charity event.

Families are Meagan’s number one priority: her own, the ones she builds houses for, and the ones she employs. She demonstrates humility and commitment to helping the residents of Richmond Hill. “I will continue to make it my business, literally, to welcome with open arms new families the way Richmond Hill welcomed John and me so many years ago.”