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Donna May relished in being a stay at home mom and volunteer.

After having her second child in two years in 2006, she transitioned from her corporate job into full time “mom mode”. She says, “I wanted to make my childrens’ school experiences the best that they could be. I started by volunteering in their schools, and then the PTA. I served terms as both secretary and president of Pot Spring Elementary PTA, as well as both vice president and president of Pinewood Elementary PTA. I am active with The Rotary Club of Hunt Valley and the Chesapeake Bulldog Club

of Greater Baltimore. Additionally, I am involved with the Baltimore Chapter of the National Football Foundation, which my husband Matt serves as president of, in addition to his career as a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley with the Fortis Group.”

Matt and Donna met in Lutherville through mutual friends in 1993 while in college. They dated for seven years before marrying in September 2000. Donna reminisces, “Matt proposed to me in 1999 by surprising me with our first English Bulldog. We went to dinner; Matt had planned the evening out. When we walked into my apartment

after dinner, there was a box with an adorable English Bulldog. She had a note that said, ‘Will you marry us?’ Matt got down on one knee, and we were married a year later.”

English Bulldogs would be present in the lives of the Mays throughout the next twenty-plus years. Donna explains, “Matt and I bred our first English Bulldog, Maggie, in 2002 and kept a boy, Ben, from the litter. Maggie had five perfect puppies. It was a great experience with lots of hard work. We decided to later share the experience with our children, teaching them



many lessons. In 2018, we bred our English Bulldog, Gracie. We had five beautiful puppies and found excellent homes for each of them, except for one who we kept for ourselves and named Notorious P.I.G. Our girls learned so much. We kept the puppies for 10 weeks and all put in lots of work, which was a true labor of love.”

Pre-COVID, life was very busy for the Mays. “The girls – Courtney, Kelley, and Megan

– have been involved with Cockeysville Recreation and Lutherville-Timonium Recreation over the years. We spent many days/nights watching soccer and basketball games! Courtney and Kelley participate in cross country and track and field at Dulaney High School. Courtney even ran the full Baltimore Marathon and completed first in her age group!”

But with her children and husband working

and schooling virtually post-COVID, Donna found she had more time to work on websites and different processes for the aforementioned clubs. She shares, “Over the years, I saw the need within nonprofit organizations for reasonably priced professional website options. This inspired me to create my own web design company, May Web Design, LLC, focusing on both refreshing existing websites as well as creating new websites for clients to take ownership of and update themselves on

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During my work with nonprofit organizations, I realized that most don't have a website--or an up-to-date website--where they may direct people. Normally the first thing a person does to find out information about a club or organization is to look it up online. A website offers a '24/7 welcome' to prospective members and clients, showing them what your club/business has accomplished and what you plan to do. Most importantly, I always make sure to teach my clients how to update their own website."

Giving back and caregiving is in Donna's blood. She shares, "My father donated his kidney to my mother in 2000, just months before my wedding. My mother was glowing on my wedding day, which was the best gift of all. When I stopped working in 2006, Mom's health was not good. The girls and I spent a lot of time at their house. It was wonderful to spend so much time with her, as well as to have her spend so much time with her grandchildren when she felt up to it."

Donna found herself in the "sandwich generation" in those years, raising her young daughters as well as assisting in the care of both her parents. Her mother passed away in 2008, followed by her father in 2016. Compassion for others is an important value which Donna and Matt pass down to their girls, whether it is through their nonprofit work, caring for animals, or volunteerism at church. Donna shares, "I love this quote by Tia Walker: 'To care for those who once cared for us is the highest honor.' It truly is an honor."

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