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## From Raising Roots to Empty Nesters in Hyde Park

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Hyde Park is a neighborhood known for its vibrant community spirit and close-knit relationships. Among the residents who call this place home is the Pellecchia family: J.D., Julie, Tye, and Amelia -- with their two Golden Retrievers, Captain (5) and Player (2).

In 1999, J.D. and Julie made the decision to call Hyde Park their home. Eager to become involved in the community, they quickly embedded themselves in local initiatives, seeking to forge lasting relationships and cultivate a sense of belonging. They lovingly raised their two children, Tye and Amelia (both now in college) in this nurturing environment with hopes of instilling the values of compassion, community, and service.

Julie's dedication to the neighborhood became evident when she co-chaired the inaugural Historic Hyde Park Home Tour—an event that showcases the architectural gems and unique character of the area. Her passion for preserving the community's heritage and fostering a sense of pride among residents continues to shine through the popular ongoing event.

J.D.'s commitment to empowering families led him to open the first All Pro Dad's chapter at Mitchell Elementary School in South Tampa. This program equips dads with tools and resources that are fundamental in promoting fatherhood involvement and cultivating positive relationships with their children. J.D.'s pioneering efforts soon extended this impactful initiative to schools across Tampa, positively impacting countless families in the area.

Beyond their community efforts, J.D. and Julie have made significant professional contributions. Julie has been an On Air Guest for HSN, specializing in cutting-edge products for twenty years. In her spare time, she manages and creates content for the social media accounts of Captain and Player (over 100k followers!).

J.D. is the Managing Partner, Founder of PFS Financial on Swann Avenue. PFS is a business with a national footprint that has found its home right in Hyde Park. J.D.'s dedication to serving others extends beyond his business endeavors, as he will soon assume the role of incoming board chair for the Salvation Army of Tampa Bay.







While Hyde Park Village and Friday nights with their pups on the patio at bartaco has a special place in their hearts, what truly captivates the Pellecchia family about their neighborhood is the people-the sense of community that permeates every corner. On weekends, they enjoy dog walks, discovering new restaurants, and entertaining with friends and family.

Now, as empty nesters, J.D. and Julie reflect on their remarkable journey of raising a family in Hyde Park while preparing for the next chapter of their lives. It is a transition marked with nostalgia and gratitude, as they fondly recall the memories created within these historic streets and celebrate the accomplishments of their children, who are currently pursuing their passions in college.

We are thinking that long walks with Captain (a spokesdog for several brands) and Player while catching up with their neighbors might fill more and more of their schedule.



