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WELCOME!

I am so glad you are here! Pull up a chair, grab some coffee, and stay a while. Whether it's 3 minutes or 30, my hope is that Magnolia Monthly and its contents bring you inspiration and joy!

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"THE JOLLY TIME CIRCUS"

WHAT I GLEANED FROM ONE MISSING PIECES OF A PUZZLE...

This is the Jolly Time Circus. The name of the puzzle... not a headline for the happenings in our home. Although, that may not be far from the truth. 😊

In our house we love puzzles. Well, Spencer and I do. The kids say they don't, but we tend to see them popping over every so often to help with whatever puzzle we have going. I guess it's our attempt to embrace the whole hygge thing... slow down, focus, take the pace of our days down a bit. Although the title of this particular puzzle is a bit of a juxtaposition for that. While many things about this season have felt hard, so much has been good.

Jolly Time Circus had been going for about a week (the puzzle that is; our house: for years!) when we finished. All 1000 pieces... except there were 999.

I'm sure that missing piece is somewhere around here, or possibly already sucked up in the vacuum. But when I stopped to take a look at the finished product, what really caught my eye wasn't all that had been accomplished. Sure... it looked pretty cool, and those red/white strips sure gave us a little run for our money.

What I really, noticed, though, was the missing piece.

It's amazing how one small part missing despite so many others being there is SO noticeable. So much in life can be like that.

Take blocking, for example.

There's something fundamentally different about these two photos and it's this: blocking.



Left: NO blocking

Right: blocking



Most simply, to block something means to obstruct it. In sports, you may block an opponent... a shot... a field goal attempt. In theater, blocking refers to setting the scene or act of a play.

In construction and carpentry, blocking is defined as a number of small pieces of wood for filling interstices, or for spacing, joining, or reinforcing members (dictionary.com). In every context, blocking works to keep things in their respective places, or out of undesired spaces. Blocking is important. When a football player misses a block, the play falls apart. When blocking is missing in construction, you end up with issues.

Let me introduce you to our kitchen debacle.

Back in October, I noticed some water dripping from a hairline crack on our exterior kitchen wall. Long story short, it involved a leak in one of the two main drain lines in our house... the one that services our washer and master bathroom.

The cause? No blocking. Clearly, in construction, blocking serves an important purpose!

When our house was built nearly 18 years ago (we are the third owners), the builder installed one of the cabinets INTO the drain line. Not the stud that they were going for. And not the blocking... because there was none.

It was the missing piece.

The reinforcement was lacking, and slowly over time, the leak became a bit disastrous. (Silver lining: we are in the process of getting a new kitchen). When all the parts were not there, a complete whole designed to function as it should wasn't possible. In the case of my kitchen, it became a bit of a mess. Thankfully, the stakes with our "Jolly Time Circus" puzzle weren't quite so high.

The same is true with people. Just like blocking has a purpose, each one of us has been created ON purpose, and FOR a purpose. We see it in our families. Our work. And in life as a whole.

With work, I look at our amazing #impactfamily and see the perfect niche for each of us... the role that each of us plays. How in the process of a transaction we are always working collaboratively, even if behind the scenes, for the very, very best for our clients. I love that about IMPACT.



I look at our family and see the same. Each of our personalities and strengths forged together to sharpen one another. Every one of us with a specific purpose and place... even our sweet boy who lived for just 16 minutes.



And with a grand-scheme view, I see it everywhere. Our friends. Our church. Our neighborhood. Our world.

As Dr. Seuss says, "Today you are you. That is truer than true. There is no one alive who is you-er than you!"

So today, know that YOU were created ON PURPOSE and FOR a PURPOSE.

Much like Jolly Time Circus, the landscape of life wouldn't be the same with YOU in it.

YOU are amazing!

Stacy



Ryleigh (7), Ellie (11), and Jacob (9)

Family Fun Zone!

March Word Search

Women's History Month

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| Georgia O'Keefe | Harriet Beecher Stowe | Harriet Tubman | Helen Keller |
| Laura Ingalls Wiler | Maria Tallchief | Michele Obama | Rosa Parks |
| Ruby Bridges | Sacagawea | Sandra Day O'connor | Sojourner Truth |
| Sonia Sotomayor | Susan B. Anthony | | |

March Trivia Question

Q: Which planet has the most gravity?

Everyone who texts or emails in the correct answer by the last day of this month will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to Amazon. Good luck!!

February Question and answer:

Q: Which is the highest waterfall in the world?

A: Angel Falls

Congratulations Katie Farley!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Here are the March Birthdays from our friends of Magnolia Monthly. If you have a birthday in March and don't see your name on this list, please email or call us so that we will include your birthday!

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| Dominic Petrolle | March 2 | Renee Walker | March 13 |
| Toni Sakadeles | March 2 | Phil Poska | March 15 |
| Daniella Petrolle | March 3 | Nalaie Hostetter | March 16 |
| Eliana Delisle | March 4 | Joanna Hart | March 20 |
| Tim Herzfeld | March 4 | James McDonald | March 20 |
| Christian Petrolle | March 6 | Henry Delescavage | March 20 |
| Matt Schmitt | March 6 | Lily Poska | March 24 |
| Calan Berning | March 7 | Madison Weidling | March 26 |
| AnneMarie Gersch | March 8 | Charlotte Barrett | March 26 |
| Luci Medovoy | March 8 | Melissa Knoepfle | March 28 |
| Danielle Wilson | March 11 | Becky Celis | March 28 |
| Kendra McDonald | March 11 | Tiffany Huffstetler | March 31 |
| Sebastian Melson | March 12 | | |

IMPACT STORY...

A monthly column to compel, encourage, and inspire.

I remember my first accident after recently receiving my driver's license. Thankfully, no one was hurt. The side of our navy blue minivan (accented with THE most iconic trim of the times: wood grain!), suggested otherwise. It was pretty brutally injured. And it was entirely my fault.

Seriously. It was. Learning to drive in a minivan is no small feat and not for the faint of heart. Understanding its turning radius when pulling into the gas station, trying to avoid hitting the car parked at the pump nearby, was even more difficult for a petrified 16-year-old trying to prove her skill and responsibility behind the wheel.

Gas and milk. It was one of my first few drives alone... about a mile down the road from our house. And I hit the guard post as I turned in beside the pump. In fact, about the entire side of the minivan made contact with the guard post... because upon impact, I wasn't really sure what to do. And trying to get away from that post as a new, unskilled driver of a very large vehicle was no small task. That impact... that forceful collision made an enormous dent in my mom's van. She was incredibly gracious about it. It wasn't super fun to experience that first accident.

What if, though, this same idea of IMPACT could make a huge dent in the context of our community?

What if a group of people could collide, and with great force, create a movement that better the lives of those around them?

Let me introduce you to ImpactClub®.

What ImpactClub® is NOT...

ImpactClub® is not a bunch of rich people that are donating \$10,000, \$20,000, \$50,000 each.

We are not some organization with deep pockets. We don't have any overhead that gets taken off the top before the people and organizations in need that get the money. (In fact, all \$100 goes DIRECTLY to the local winning charity!)

What ImpactClub® is...

ImpactClub® Frederick kicked off its fifth year in existence on Tuesday, February 16th. I am so grateful to be a founding member of this tremendous organization. It has been quite a journey getting to this point, with over \$440,000 donated locally in and around the Frederick area!

You may be wondering how we have gotten to \$440,000 donated, making an enormous impact in our area. Let me explain, and it will be even MORE amazing to you!

Each member commits to donating \$100 each quarter (about for \$33/month, if you break it down). ImpactClub® Frederick has helped fund 17 charities with 4,400 INDIVIDUAL donations!!! That is an absolutely amazing figure!

It is incredible to be part of a community where members are so passionate about doing good and giving back to our community... and are so passionate about sharing the story of ImpactClub® with their friends. That's why I want to share it with YOU.



We are normal people. We are health care workers. We are teachers. We are small business owners. We are retired. We are just like you... and we all have a deep desire to give back to our community. We volunteer our time to those in need. We look for ways to give back, and we just want to help!

We have a common bond.

ImpactClub® Frederick is a platform more than anything. ImpactClub® is NOT a charity itself. What we do is match individuals that want to give back but don't have \$10,000 a pop to donate, but what we do have is \$100 a quarter that we want to give back.



Individually your \$100, although it would be appreciated by the local charities wouldn't go very far.

The dent won't be that huge. However, if you combine that \$100 with three-hundred other individuals that share the vision and passion as you... the same desire... the same enthusiasm to give back, then your \$100 is now crowdsourced with others. Now that \$100 is amplified to \$30,000, and it has a TREMENDOUS impact locally.

Every single penny of your \$100 stays here in the Frederick community. Your \$100 might feed a family that doesn't have enough money to put food on the table.

Your \$100 might help someone recover from an addiction and give them the structure and support to get over that hump. Your \$100 might help a mentorship program for youth that have parents are incarcerated. Your \$100 might help a veteran with PTSD.

Your \$100 might LITERALLY save a life!!!

While our more recent events have been virtual due to COVID restrictions, our hope is to be back in person soon! When we have been in-person in the past, the camaraderie... the excitement of seeing your friends and other ImpactClub® members... the emotion of listening to the three charities present on stage, pouring their hearts out. Talking about their charities, why it means so much to them... who they help... the impact they have with their good work that they do. It's phenomenal. Truly.

Our goal is to get to 500 members, and I would love for you to join me. You can read even more about ImpactClub® Frederick at www.impactclubfrederick.com.

Would you join me in making a dent? Not in your car (at least hopefully). Rather, in our community. We are blessed to be able to BE a blessing to others. And while a dented side of a mini-van left me feeling a bit terrified as a newly-licensed 16-year old driver, the dent you can make for GOOD as part of ImpactClub® Frederick will leave you feeling anything but.

It's refreshing. Compelling. And down right inspiring. Will you join me?

Impact inspires action. How will you respond?

www.impactclubfrederick.com

Social Media Stories

A round-up of fan favorites from the past few weeks!

Stacy Rochfort Delisle
February 17 at 2:54 PM · 🌟

Sun is shining, settlement was smooth, and it has been an awesome day for our buyer!! Bonus: the kiddos were amazing schooling on the go and being my sidekicks today! **Eric Verdi Jess Moseley**

Stacy Delisle, Realtor
February 17 at 2:49 PM · 🌟

Real life Wednesday... final walk through, settlement, riding, and school on the go! Over the moon excited for our buyer!! 🥰👏 incredibly grateful for a smoot... **See More**

Eric Verdi, Josie Lavinia Medwick and 16 others · 6 Comments

Stacy Rochfort Delisle is with Eric Verdi and 17 others.
February 20 at 8:13 AM · 🌟

"The greatest rewards come when you give of yourself. It's about bettering the lives of others, being part of something bigger than yourself, and making a positive difference." ~ Nick Vujicic

For the past several years, I have had the joy and honor to be part of Impact Club here in the Frederick area. Elevated philanthropy. Common mission of bettering the lives of those around us. It's incredible.

Our goal for next quarter is to hit the 400 member mark. If YOU are looking to invest in something bigger than yourself, along with hundreds of others who collectively make a huge IMPACT in the lives of others in our area, would you consider joining me?

Think big. Love hard. Join the movement. You won't regret it.
<https://impactclub.com/clubs/frederick-md/>

{If you don't know who Nick Vujicic is, definitely look him up. You'll be inspired!}

Stacy Rochfort Delisle
January 22 at 9:14 AM · 🌟

For your Friday...
[#bravecompassion](#) [#fiercekingness](#) [#ferociouslove](#) [#livewell](#)

Be brave in your compassion. Kind hearts can also be fierce. Love ferociously.

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HAPPY HAPPY birthday

Holiday Luck
TOP PRIZE \$1,000!

Stacy Delisle
43 the weeks
by stacydelisle@gmail.com

Stacy Rochfort Delisle
Yesterday at 7:26 AM · 🌟

This is your weekend reminder that you're doing a GREAT job!

It was a long week in the Delisle house. Pretty sure we are ALL very, very, very ready for spring. Juggling school, a busy work week for both Spencer and me.

The kids and I landed at the office for some "school on the go" because that location was a more conducive stopping point between a showing and Ellie's riding lesson. SueMart, being the awesome person she is, had the kids and I each draw these kindness cards... **See More**

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This week... it's been bananas. But THIS guy got all dressed up for a daddy/daughter date 🥰👏👏

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"We are so thankful to have had Stacy as our agent. She made the process of selling our home so quick and easy. In addition, everyone she works with is so kind and professional. Stacy also gave excellent advice during the negotiation process. We could not have sold our home without her. ★★★★★ ~ The Fitzsimmons Family

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