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The Stephenson Family:

Making a Positive Impact on our Community



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Rob and Megan Stephenson are a great team, both making a positive impact on our community in different ways. Megan is a doctor focusing on high-risk obstetrics and Rob volunteers with several local organizations including the Veterans Memorial Foundation, the Parks Commission, and more. Along with their three daughters, they enjoy spending time with extended family, cooking, and getting outdoors in beautiful Los Gatos.

Rob grew up in Texas and served in the Marine Corps for six years. He was first stationed in southern Africa, which is where he met Megan almost twenty years ago. Megan grew up in the Almaden area and attended college at UC Santa Cruz. After college, she and her friend moved to Africa to work at an HIV and AIDS hospice. She met Rob at a medical clinic where she brought patients to get chest x-rays.

Megan and Rob had the opportunity to do some traveling in Africa and Rob also helped Megan with her patients. She and her friend lived in a small hut with a thatched roof next to the hospice, and Rob would bring them supplies from town. They even got to put on a fireworks show for the patients and really enjoyed getting to help them.

Rob's next post with the Marine Corps was in the Bahamas on embassy duty. Megan returned to the U.S., and they got engaged. She began working and applying to medical schools and also had the chance to visit Rob during his two years in the Bahamas. When he returned, they were married in July 2004 and then moved to Irvine, where Megan attended medical school from 2004 through 2008. She then completed a four-year OB-GYN residency until 2012 and a fellowship for maternal and fetal medicine until 2015.

While Megan was completing medical school, her residency, and fellowship, Rob worked between San Diego and Orange County in the defense industry. They were in Irvine for eleven years. In 2015, they moved to Los Gatos to be closer to Megan's family. Megan started her work with Kaiser for a couple of years until she and Rob made the decision to try something different and move to Denver. However, they missed being close to family and Megan's work wasn't the same, so they decided to return to Los Gatos in 2018.



Back in Los Gatos, Megan picked back up with her work with Kaiser. She works with women with high-risk pregnancies. She specializes in cases of placenta accreta, which is a serious pregnancy condition that puts the woman’s life at risk. Megan delivers the baby and then has to perform a hysterectomy at the time of the c-section to save the mother’s life. While this is a scary condition, fortunately, doctors are getting better at diagnosing this earlier in the pregnancy so that the mother and doctors can be prepared and see someone like Megan who specializes in these types of pregnancies.


Megan hasn’t missed one of these cases that they’ve known about since she started her work in 2015. She cares deeply about her patients and comes in even when she’s not on call. She feels very supported, both by her great team of people at the hospital, and at home by Rob and their daughters. Her family knows this is what she is passionate about and supports her work.

Rob is a full-time dad and is very involved in the Los Gatos community. He grew up in a small town and really likes that Los Gatos has a small-town feel. This has to be fostered by civic organizations and it is so important for residents to do their part. Rob got involved with the Veterans Memorial Foundation in 2019 and is on the board of directors. He was surprised to find out how many veterans there are here in town. In addition to the memorial, he likes that the foundation offers outreach and assistance to veterans and their families.



Through the Veterans Memorial Foundation, Rob met John Lochner, who introduced him to the Lions Club. Rob started attending and became a member and is now on the board of directors. The Lions Club supports great causes such as CASSY (counseling and support services for youth) which provides mental health services for schools, sponsoring a family, and other fundraising activities.

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Rob also applied to the Parks Commission and is now the chair. He works with Parks and Public Works Director Matt Morley, who does a great job overseeing the many outdoor resources here in town. Rob liked that the parks and trails could still be used during the pandemic while following safety guidance from the county and state. The Parks Commission also works on town projects, like renovating the bandstand at Oak Meadow Park.

Matt Morley told Rob about an opening on the board for Los Gatos - Monte Sereno Safe Routes to School. With three young school age kids who walk and bike to school, this initiative is particularly important to Rob. The organization pays for crossing guards, provides biking education, gives away helmets, and works on road striping to slow down traffic near schools.

Rob and Megan love spending time with their daughters. Rob cooks with them on weekdays and Megan takes over on the weekends. They all love getting outdoors, hiking in Belgatos Park and Almaden Quicksilver and taking little trips to Seacliff beach. They recently returned from a trip to Maui, which was so nice especially after a year spent mostly indoors. The Stephensons have a bulldog named Meatball who joins them for walks when it's not too hot. They also enjoy spending time with Megan's family who live locally and visiting Rob's family in Texas when they can.

The Stephensons really enjoy being part of the Los Gatos community with its great schools, beautiful parks, and all that it has to offer. Residents like the Stephensons getting involved helps keep Los Gatos a wonderful place to live!

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