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Meeting the Johnson family, you're immediately drawn in by their energy, easy smiles and engaging personalities. Situated on the lake in the neighborhood of Ashborough, this family and their beautiful home exude southern charm.

Diana is the mother of three beautiful and gifted children. Grace is 18 years old, and the twins, Katie Beth and Chipper, are both 12 years old. She moved her family to the neighborhood last summer knowing it would be a great place to raise her kids, and all of them enjoy living on the water. This family of four loves their neighborhood and their home.

Shortly after moving to Ashborough in 2015, historic flooding devastated the Charleston area. Many homes were affected in her neighborhood, and some families nearby are still working through the recovery process. Fortunately for the Johnson family their home was untouched. The flood waters completely covered their dock behind their home and rose so high that Grace was able to kayak through the neighborhood. Even though they were brand new to their community, they walked down the street looking for ways to help. They brought a neighbor's child and cat home with them.



When the flood waters rose, the Johnson family was out helping neighbors.



Many families were forced to evacuate the area, but those who stayed behind rallied together to support one another.

A Top Producer with a full time assistant at Carolina One Real Estate, Diana has a keen eye when it comes to the right house for the right family. When she decided to purchase her home in Ashborough, it needed a significant amount of work but the potential it had to be a remarkable home excited her. It was outdated and needed a complete remodel. Armed with her unique vision, business connections and contractors partnered with her to create the home of her dreams.

Diana finished primary school in Kentucky, and graduated high school in Alabama. She went through a business program while in Alabama, and moved to the Charleston area in the 1990's, taking classes through Trident Technical College. Biology was her primary focus, and then she joined the workforce as an auditor with MUSC for 8 years.

Through the suggestion and encouragement of a neighbor, Diana reinvented herself and her career goals, becoming a realtor through Carolina One in late 2004. Three short years later, the housing market began to crash. It was tough times for those in her profession, but through determination and persistence, she did considerably well and continued supporting her family.

About nine months ago Diana became a Guardian Ad Litem. The classes to be certified were intensive, but she felt it was worth the time and energy to help represent the children who have been removed by social services in

court proceedings and family cases here in the Lowcountry.

Working with local charities like the Basket Brigade, (delivering Thanksgiving dinners), the SPCA and area fundraisers is important to Diana and her family. She's worked hard to teach her kids the value of giving back. She is also involved in the Ashborough HOA.

Grace recently graduated from Summerville High School, and is currently a Freshman at the University of South Carolina's Beaufort Campus. She plans to major in Biology. She's passionate about dancing, and has studied classical ballet for 13 years, and was one of her instructor's youngest students to go on pointe at the age of 9. She's danced with the Charleston Ballet and the Charlotte Ballet Companies. The Classical Ballet Center on Old Trolley Road in Summerville is where she is currently being instructed. Before high school she attended Rollings Middle School of the Arts, and said that what she learned there, from her ballet instructors, and her mom, has helped make her who she is today.

The twins, Katie Beth and Chipper, are in the 7th grade at The Oaks Christian School.

Katie Beth started with dance when she was five, but then transitioned into softball for 3-4 years. She came back to dancing again, focusing on ballet and hip-hop. She is currently being instructed at the Classical Ballet Center. She's working up her strength to be on pointe. In school she also enjoys art and music appreciation.

Chipper is the baseball fanatic of the house. He was recruited by the USSSA to play travel



baseball with the Diamond Dogs team. He has played as pitcher, as well as various outfield positions. A personal high for him was hitting



his first home run over the fence the last game of the season. He also enjoys watching major league baseball, MBA, and college football

and his favorite team is the University of Alabama. His favorite subject in school is social studies, and he loves to study all periods of history.

This family works hard, and plays hard too. Some of their favorite places to vacation are Disney World, Carowinds, and Diana has visited the Dominican Republic recently, and has traveled to Hawaii. One of the twins is known by her family as “No Fear Katie Beth” as she adores roller coasters. She rode Space Mountain when she was only six. No roller coaster is too big for her, and one of her favorites is Fury at Carowinds. She has a bucket list of rides she’d like to take one day.

The Johnson family motto is, “We were put on earth to help other people.” They live this out daily in their family life, their neighborhood involvement, and giving back to the community. We wish the Johnson Family all the best in their future endeavors, and can’t wait to see what adventures they’ll have next!

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