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Tyler Hungerford

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Some careers are born from inspiration, others from necessity, but for Tyler Hungerford, real estate began as both. Watching his father thrive in sales, Tyler learned early on that a career in this field offered not just financial independence but the flexibility to be fully present for family. “I saw my dad have a successful career while still making time for things that mattered—my baseball games, my mom’s career, and our family life,” Tyler reflects. That vision of freedom and success laid the foundation for his journey into real estate, where he now leads Hungry For Homes, Inc., and the Hungerford Team.

Before becoming an industry leader, Tyler honed his skills in other ventures that set the stage for his current success. At the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, he connected with countless business owners, learning the power of relationships and community. Later, as a senior market research specialist with Lee & Associates, he mastered property marketing and market analysis. “That experience gave me a unique understanding of the market and how to create high-level marketing materials—skills I use every day in real estate,” Tyler explains.

Tyler’s path took a defining turn when he began investing in properties himself, remodeling over 50 homes to date. These experiences shaped his approach as a real estate agent, equipping him with the expertise to analyze values, address construction needs, and guide clients through complex transactions. “Helping people sell or buy a home isn’t just about numbers,” Tyler says. “It’s about education, trust, and providing white-glove service that ensures every concern is addressed.”

But Tyler’s passion extends far beyond contracts and closings. For him, the fulfillment lies

in transformation—turning distressed properties into beautiful homes or guiding families to find the perfect place to create memories. “One of the most rewarding parts is seeing the joy on my clients’ faces when their goals are realized,” he shares. “It’s an honor to handle the most significant asset many will ever own and make their experience as smooth as possible.”

The work-life balance Tyler craved has become a reality in real estate. With two young children—Cami and Hudson—and his wife by his side, Tyler prioritizes family at every turn. Coaching little league, attending dance recitals, and enjoying moments with his Golden Doodle, Charlie, all fuel his drive to excel. “I work hard because my family relies on me, but they also remind me why I started this journey,” he says.

As someone who has achieved success through grit and dedication, Tyler offers candid advice for newcomers to the industry: “It’s not easy, and it won’t happen overnight. You have to make calls, knock on doors, and stay consistent. The money is in the follow-up, and consistency is what builds trust.”

Tyler’s faith also plays a significant role in his success.

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“Prayer is my foundation,” he says. “I bring every challenge and need to Jesus, and I’ve seen Him show up for me time and time again. That relationship has made a profound impact on my career.” Equally important is his commitment to growth, devouring 20–30 books annually to deepen his expertise. In 2025, his focus will be on marketing and advertising, aligning his brand with his clients’ needs and building a presence that speaks directly to them.

Looking ahead, Tyler envisions a thriving career marked by consistent growth and personal milestones. In five years, he plans to sell over 100 properties annually, expand his investments, and continue being an active part of his children’s lives. Whether he’s coaching baseball or watching a dance performance, Tyler knows that his hard work today is building the life he dreamed of when he first stepped into real estate.

Through his work at the Hungerford Team, Tyler has cultivated a brand built on excellence, integrity, and commitment. “We’re not just here to close deals,” he emphasizes. “We’re here to build relationships and make a lasting impact in our community.” With a clear vision and an unwavering commitment to both his clients and his family, Tyler Hungerford is proof that real estate is more than a career—it’s a calling.



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Bri Van Lierop



Some people seem born to bring order to chaos, and Bri Van Lierop is undoubtedly one of them. Her journey to becoming the owner of NEAT Method Professional Organizing in Riverside and Desert Cities is a story of resilience, passion, and an unwavering commitment to transformation—not just of spaces but of lives. For Bri, the path to entrepreneurship was paved with a unique blend of corporate experience, personal growth, and a love for helping others find joy in their environments.

Before launching her business in July 2019, Bri spent nearly a decade in pharmaceutical sales. The fast-paced, high-pressure world of corporate America taught her how to manage multiple priorities with precision. But it was becoming a mom to twins and navigating the demanding schedules of a public safety family that truly honed her organizational skills. As her children grew, so did her knack for creating systems that turned life’s chaos into calm. By the time she was ready to reenter the workforce, she saw an opportunity to turn her talents into a business that would help others regain control of their lives.

After extensive research, she purchased two NEAT Method franchises—Inland Empire and Desert Cities—and dove headfirst into the world of professional organizing. Her ability to tackle projects of all sizes, see through clutter, and design functional yet beautiful spaces quickly set her apart in the industry. For Bri, organizing isn’t just about tidying up; it’s

about creating sustainable systems tailored to each client’s unique lifestyle and vision.

The magic happens when her clients walk into their newly transformed spaces—often speechless, sometimes in tears. Those moments of pure joy and relief confirm that Bri is exactly where she’s meant to be. Whether it’s preparing a home to be listed, unpacking and organizing for a move, or gifting a client with a NEAT transformation, Bri and her team bring a sense of peace and composure to every project. “My team is really is such a diverse mix of perfection. I could not do it without them and they each bring something different and crucial to the team. We don’t create pretty spaces,” she says. “We give our clients a fresh start in a way that feels empowering.”

Her passion for the work goes beyond aesthetics. Bri finds fulfillment in knowing her efforts have a lasting impact. “The function of a home should be the foundation of how one lives,” she explains. “Once your home is organized, you will feel the positive impact in all areas of your life. Welcome to the NEAT life.”

Outside of work, Bri’s heart belongs to her family. Whether cheering on her twins at their many sporting events or serving in her church ministry, she embraces every opportunity to connect and give back. Her dedication extends to the community, where she actively participates in National Charity League and supports local high school sports programs.



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She also serves on booster boards and believes that building connections through service is as fulfilling as creating systems in a client's home.

For those considering a career in professional organizing, Bri offers a candid perspective. “It's a hustle and grind,” she admits. “But it's worth every second of chaos and challenge when clients see their spaces transformed. Getting spaces NEAT removes stress and brings relief and joy.”

Looking ahead, Bri envisions herself continuing her work in Utah, where her twins will soon attend college. No matter where life takes her, she remains anchored by faith, determination, and a deep belief that she is right where she's meant to be. Whether tackling a messy garage, an unruly closet, or an entire home, Bri and her amazing team prove that even the most chaotic spaces can become composed—and in the process, bring a little more harmony to the world.

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Renee Stallone

Nest Real Estate

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Renee Stallone's life has always been about navigating challenges, pivoting with purpose, and finding joy in serving others. She didn't just fall into real estate—she followed a winding path that led her exactly where she was meant to be. Her story is one of reinvention, passion, and a deep commitment to making a difference, one home at a time.

Before real estate, Stallone spent a decade in the transportation industry before helping launch a trucking brokerage. While managing finances and raising four children, she discovered a passion for home décor and flipping properties. That love grew into something bigger, and by 2020, she had earned her real estate license and committed fully to her new path. The decision wasn't just a career move—it was the start of what she now calls her life's calling.

From her earliest days in real estate, Stallone felt the undeniable pull of her purpose. "The first time I handed over a set of keys, I knew I was in the perfect field," she says. "Seeing the love and excitement on a family's face, or watching an investor take their first step into something new—that's what this is all about. It's not a profession for me; it's my passion."

That passion comes from a lifetime of putting others first. As a team mom for her children's sports teams, a dedicated volunteer in her community, and someone deeply involved with her church, Stallone has always found fulfillment in helping others. She believes this mindset has shaped her real estate career in profound ways. "I'm a giver at heart. Serving others is who I am, and it's incredibly rewarding to bring that into my work every day."

Her authenticity and ability to connect with clients have become her signature traits. Stallone approaches each transaction with a blend of trust, dedication, and creativity, making her clients feel confident and cared for. "I genuinely love what I do, and that enthusiasm naturally builds trust and loyalty," she shares. "It's more than just buying or selling a home—it's about understanding people's needs and helping them reach their goals."

**"I truly believe that
He has blessed my
path and opened doors
I could never have
opened on my own."**

Renee Stallone's life is guided by six simple principles she affectionately calls her "6 Fs": Faith, Family, Friends, Food, Fitness, and Fun. These pillars don't just shape her personal life; they're woven into her professional journey as well.

Her Faith keeps her grounded and reminds her that every opportunity is a blessing. Family and Friends fuel her drive to build meaningful connections and create lasting memories. Food is her love language, and her culinary skills bring people together, whether it's her famous Thanksgiving feasts or casual family dinners. Fitness keeps her sharp and energized, starting each day with a workout alongside her loved ones. And Fun? That's the glue that ties it all together, reminding her to embrace joy in every moment, both in work and life.

These values are the foundation of who Stallone is, and they reflect in everything she does—both as a trusted real estate advisor and as someone who leads with authenticity and heart.

But her journey hasn't been without its challenges. Stallone admits that real

estate is demanding and competitive. Still, her advice is straightforward and heartfelt: "Never give up. It's hard, but it's worth it. Every challenge is a chance to grow, and you'll never regret giving your all. What you will regret is not trying."

Beyond the business, Stallone's life is rooted in family, faith, and the things that bring her joy. A proud mom and grandma, she treasures time spent with her loved ones. Her culinary school background shines during family gatherings, especially Thanksgiving, which she calls her "Super Bowl." For Stallone, food is more than nourishment—it's an expression of love. "Cooking and sharing meals is my love language. It's how I bring my family together."

Her passion for fitness is equally ingrained in her daily life. A CrossFit enthusiast for over 15 years, she begins each day with a workout, a routine she shares with her family. Even Bruno, the family's English bulldog, holds a special place in their lives, bringing everyone closer with his lovable personality.

Her faith is another cornerstone of who she is. "I keep God first in everything I do," Stallone says. "I truly believe that He has blessed my path and opened doors I could never have opened on my own."

With her eyes on the future, Stallone is committed to growing her impact in real estate. She envisions herself among the top 1% of agents within five years, supported by a team that shares her values and work ethic. For now, though, she remains focused on what matters most: serving her clients with dedication, style, and integrity.

Through it all, Stallone's message remains clear: real estate is about more than properties. It's about people, connections, and making a lasting difference. For her, the journey has just begun, and she's ready to keep building, one relationship—and one set of keys—at a time.



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