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Dixons:  
Family Values  
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## Hello Readers

“ Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August”...Jenny Han

**H**appy July Readers! Sunshine, picnics, Independence Day! July brings an assortment of delicious flavors, scents, and activities to our summer palette! From chasing lightning bugs on starry nights to popsicles with friends on the front porch, I hope this summer is bringing you plenty of sunshine and plenty of fun!

This month, we have the pleasure of introducing you to the Dixon family. These residents of Lake Butler Sound give us a glimpse of their everyday lives and share why they love living in Central Florida!

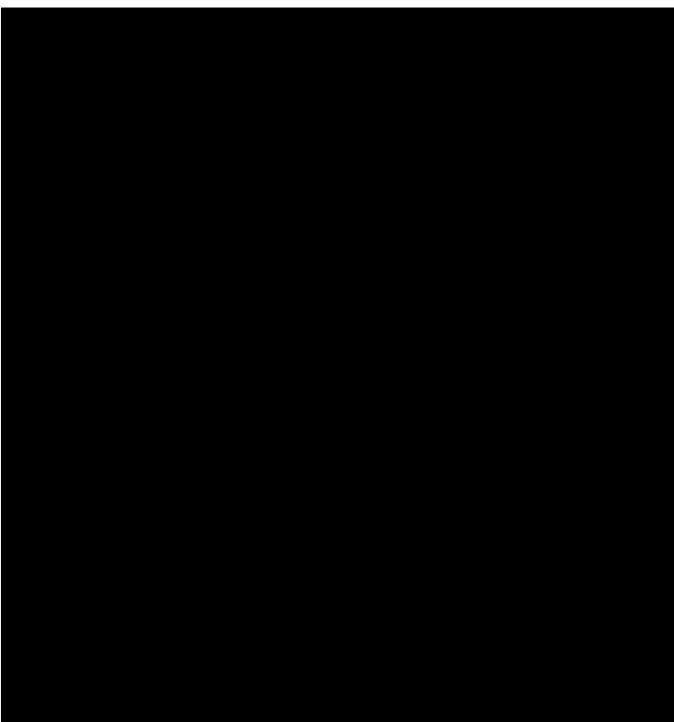
I am also excited to share with you The Love Foundation, and how their mission of inspiring people to love unconditionally is shaping lives and impacting our community.

Please enjoy this month's issue of *Butler Chain Living*!



*Kristin Sabol*

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*The Dixon family in Milan*

## Meet the Dixons: Family Values and Fun

By Kristin Sabol

**D**isney, theme parks, sunshine, and more! Central Florida is the perfect place for raising a family, and the Dixons think so too! "We love how fun it is to live here- we are never bored! We are close to beaches, lakes, and area theme parks. We are huge Disney lovers and spend many weekends a month at the parks. There is never a shortage of things to do together as a family!" Spending time together is essential

for these fun-loving residents of Lake Butler Sound. From their friendly neighborhood to the exciting local theme parks to the great outdoor experiences, the Dixons love living life on the Butler Chain!

Sam and Katie Dixon met in Okeechobee, Fl, and have known each other since high school. They met their senior year in the school cafeteria, where Katie had a friend invite Sam to sit with them because she was

too shy to speak. They have been together and have talked non-stop since that day!

The couple maintained a long-distance relationship through college when school initially took them in separate directions. Katie attended Florida State University, and Sam attended Concord University in West Virginia. "We did long distance for a year after high school, and my favorite memories include traveling to each other every two weeks just to spend the weekend together," shared Katie. "I would drive from Florida to West Virginia just for the weekend to see him play football. It made our time together so sweet and cherished!"

Sam played football his freshman year at Concord when a sudden sports injury helped him decide to move to FSU to be with Katie after football season! Katie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and her Master's Degree in Family and Child Sciences (also at FSU). Sam graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Risk Management.

After graduation, Katie worked as a case manager with child abuse and neglect cases at the Children's Home Society. Her love for children and the desire to set them up for success made her an ideal candidate for her career. "I am passionate about helping children succeed and knew I always wanted to work with them. It was a tough job as I saw terrible situations, but it was very fulfilling to help (hopefully) make a small difference in their lives. Getting them into better situations, getting to play with them, getting them their favorite food, taking them out for donuts when they got good grades, and being a trusted adult in their lives were the best parts. I met so many amazing, resilient kids, and they all deserved the world! I still think of them frequently."

Sam worked full-time while attending FSU and simultaneously built his current business, Oxford Advisory Group. Sam and his brother, Christopher, own the company where they provide private wealth management. Oxford has multiple office locations and focuses on helping retirees and pre-retirees plan for retirement, with a special focus on tax-free investing. They teach that retirement is about more than just investing; it is about planning for income, health, taxes, and legacy. Sam enjoys his career and prides himself in helping clients plan their retirement and maximize their retirement potential.



Enjoying a vacation on Lake Como

The Dixons married in November 2011 in Orlando and are celebrating ten years of marriage. They have two beautiful sons, Clark (6) and Callan (2), and are expecting baby number three this December! "We are SO excited to have baby number three, our first girl," Katie said. "Both boys are so excited about the baby, too, and Clark (the oldest) really wanted a baby sister. Callan loves babies in general and is so excited about it! We all can't wait to meet her!"

Clark is turning seven, and Callan is turning three this August! Both boys love being outside and having fun. "Clark has a natural ability for engineering and building things and enjoys building legos for hours. He also plays tennis, baseball, swims, and is currently a blue belt in Taekwondo! Callan is only two, but seems to really enjoy any sport with a ball already- he is always begging to play with Sam!"

The Dixon family also has two dogs and an 11-year old cat, Cici. "Winnie is our 5-year old Pomeranian, and Lemon is our 1.5-year old Bernedoodle. Winnie was previously abused and rescued, and Lemon is the biggest goofball and follows the kids everywhere. We call her a nanny! She can't stand to be separated from the kids and loves playing with them outside."

This energetic family resides in the beautiful community of Lake Butler Sound and has lived in their home for two years. The couple initially moved to this subdivision because of the friendly neighbors and its beautiful homes. "We loved the neighborhood and the house! We love the guards and how wonderful they are at their jobs. Everyone is always so friendly, and we always love meeting new neighbors. They always have a smile on their faces and make the neighborhood so pleasant! We love how much pride the neighborhood takes in maintaining beauty everywhere. The landscaping is so gorgeous, and the homes are all stunning."

Whether in the neighborhood or around town, the Dixons enjoy spending time together! Katie finds joy in being with her children and also homeschools them. She is always looking for new activities for them to experience together. In her spare time, she enjoys staying active and has enjoyed running 5ks together with Clark. Sam takes advantage of the Central Florida weather and can often be seen outside. He enjoys football and fresh and saltwater fishing. He also enjoys coaching Clark in sports and playing with the kids! "We love going to the beach together with the kids and spending all day digging in the sand, finding shells, and playing in the water. We are also active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Windermere."

*The Dixons in Aruba*



Though the Dixons have a full schedule, they know family time is essential for staying grounded and connected. "Sam works a lot, but we try to prioritize family activities on weekends. We also try to take a few family vacations a year, focusing on just being together and making memories. Sometimes we make little three-day weekend trips to help us feel more connected. It's important to us to try to make the time count when we are all together! Especially when they are still little and think it's cool to hang out with us!"

In addition to shorter trips, the family also enjoys international travel. Before COVID and the pandemic, the family traveled to Aruba, Italy, and Switzerland on multiple trips. "Travel is so important to us, and we are looking forward to the world opening up again so we can continue. We were supposed to go to France this year, but it got canceled due to Covid. Our goal with homeschooling our children is to be able to provide hands-on learning experiences through travel."

The family's special place to visit is Daufuskie Island off Hilton Head, South Carolina. "It is so private, and there is gorgeous wildlife everywhere. Clark loves catching crabs and riding horses on the island."

The Dixons enjoy local offerings too. They can be seen walking through Downtown Windermere, grabbing pizza at Pizza 14, or enjoying the delicious ice cream at Allen's. "We also love going to the playground in downtown Windermere where the kids love climbing the trees and riding scooters around! We love the small-town feel of downtown Windermere!"

The small-town feel, a strong sense of community, and positive family values are all essential elements for the Dixons. They know how important these factors are in establishing a foundation for their growing family. In addition to the beautiful weather and endless fun, the Dixons have settled into Lake Butler Sound and are loving their life in Central Florida.



**The boys enjoying a treasure hunt in South Carolina.**



# The Love Foundation

By Kristin Sabol

**T**he Love Foundation (TLF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 2000 with the mission of inspiring people to love unconditionally. Founded by Harold W. Becker (President) and Co-founder John T. Goltz (VP), the nonprofit started as a way to inspire and remind people of the simple, practical power of loving unconditionally.

Harold Becker holds an MBA from the University of Tampa and has written several books on unconditional love, hosted his own PBS special, and shares his insights through interviews, discussions, and workshops. John Goltz holds a Biology degree from St. Olaf and contributes his creative and technical skills bringing the exciting programs to life. "When we bring unconditional love back into our personal, professional, community, and family lives, we begin the journey of restoring wholeness and happiness," shared Goltz. "When we open our hearts, we come

from compassion and share our kindness naturally. This helps empower our individual and collective lives in ways nothing else can."

The organization recently celebrated Global Love Day on May 1st, an annual celebration of humanity. It has recently become part of contemporary culture, shared socially, appearing on calendars and Wikipedia. "Now in its 18th year for 2021, it is the universal recognition of our innate oneness through love. It is our vision to unite all in a celebration of love and compassion."

Since its initial launch in 2004, The Love Foundation has already received responses from individuals and organizations in over 165 countries, along with over 750 proclamations from governors, mayors, councils, and leaders offering their support for Global Love Day. Their primary flyer and information source is in 40 languages and shares the universal messages:



Harold Becker, President

- We are one humanity on this planet.
- All life is interconnected and interdependent.
- All share in the Universal bond of love.
- Love begins with self-acceptance and forgiveness.

- With respect and compassion, we embrace diversity.
- Together we make a difference through love.

TLF is an all-volunteer organization built on the universal recognition of unconditional love. The Orlando charity is not affiliated with any religious creed or perspective but focuses on the personal appreciation and pragmatic experience of unconditional love. “Through education, research, and charity, we strive to share in this timeless understanding and expand our individual and collective consciousness. Our worldwide family of friends and volunteers bring this vision to life in their everyday heartfelt activities within their families and communities.”

The Love Foundation values the surrounding community and their support. “We particularly enjoy Dr. Phillips/Windermere and the greater Orlando area because of its multi-cultural/international environment. The theme parks and numerous public events add to a cultural exchange within and beyond the community - keeping things beautiful, clean, friendly, and welcoming. There is an intention of magic, celebration, fun, and the enjoyment of life, which aligns with the vision of The Love Foundation.”

The organization invites readers to volunteer and follow their social media pages. “We welcome anyone interested in sharing their time, creativity, and other resources to come and find out how they can get involved and support our programs.”

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