

making a difference

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ANGELA DURR





Before Angela Durr became a real estate superstar with The Ashton Real Estate Group of RE/MAX Advantage, she was already impacting the communities where she lived in major ways. She started volunteering the same way lots of people do – with her kids. As a stay-at-home of three boys, her schedule was packed with their activities and being PTO president, room mom, volunteering for field trips and organizing vacation Bible schools.

After moving several times and staying active in various organizations, Angela's family moved to Nashville in 2010. Her kids were older, and she began to look for a career for herself and more ways to give back to the community. She got her Tennessee real estate license in 2013. She knew she was impacting the lives of her clients, and while that's important to her, her heart also wanted to give back to a cause that was meaningful in her life personally.

In 2003, her mom had been diagnosed with dementia. When she was first diagnosed, the family wasn't sure where to go for help or what to do. This has fueled Angela's passion for giving back and helping others who find themselves in similar situations. It's been a heartbreaking journey for her family. Angela's dad dedicated his life to caring for her at home for as long as possible. Her mom now lives in a nursing home, and Angela's dad visits her daily. "He is a true inspiration and their love is a testimony to anyone that is around them," shares Angela.

Angela became very actively involved with the Mid-South Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Each year on the summer solstice, the organization holds an event called "The Longest Day" to raise funds and awareness. Participants choose something they love to do and commit to doing it all day to raise funds. Angela, an avid tennis player, organized a tennis tournament at the Maryland Farms YMCA.

As the event approached the first year, one of Angela's dear friends and participant in the event Mary Vezina found out her mother, Blanche Mallary Willingham, passed away after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Her funeral was held the same day as the tournament. "The Longest Day" tennis event was held in her memory that year. It was an emotional day, but they were able to raise thousands of dollars for the organization. Angela spent several years serving on the board for the Mid-South Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "I'm so thankful to

have had the opportunity to give back to an organization who does such an amazing thing for families facing this terrible disease," says Angela.

While Angela has spent significant time giving back to the community, she's also significantly grown her real estate business. For the last two years she's been in the top three producers on her team, and last year she was awarded was in RE/MAX's Platinum Club. She's recently been named the Director of Luxury Home Sales for her office. "Debra Beagle and Gary Ashton have been instrumental in developing me as an agent. They've opened so many doors for me," offers Angela about two of the owners of her office.

Angela's office, RE/MAX Advantage, recently became a miracle office for Children's Miracle Network. Angela was one of the first agents to step up and become a miracle agent by donating a significant amount. She's also donating proceeds from every closing to Children's Miracle Network. "We are so excited to work The Children's Miracle Network and specifically, The Monroe Carell Jr Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. We have so many exciting things in the works that will be fun ways to give back," Angela excitedly shares. RE/MAX has partnered with Children's Miracle Network since 1992 and has raised millions for the hospitals.

Real estate and motherhood came together for Angela earlier this year





when her oldest son, Jonathan was the first homeowner to close on a condo at Solo East – a project her office has been heavily involved in. He's a recent graduate of the University of South Carolina. Her middle son, Nick, is a rising senior at the University of South Carolina studying international business. Her youngest, Matthew, is going to be a sophomore at Ravenwood High School this fall.

Angela's heart for giving back and her success in real estate are great examples for her sons and her fellow Realtors. "Angela is one of the most hardworking and dedicated agents I know. She's diligent on her communication, negotiation, execution and follow up," shares her broker, Debra Beagle. "She's the best of the best. A true business woman with a big heart and a passion for making a difference."