



Employee Holiday Celebration

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Brandon & Heather

Summer is almost here and the time is right to get your backyard ready for grilling season, and enjoy some smores around the outdoor fireplace. For more than four decades, families across South Jersey have turned to Energy Resources, Gas, Grills and Fireplaces in Willingboro for everything they need to create warm, welcoming indoor and outdoor living spaces. The Merksamer family has owned and operated the business since 1981. Brandon Merksamer's parents started the business selling kerosene, kerosene heaters and parts. This year they proudly celebrate 45 years of trusted service.

The business is now led by Brandon, who literally grew up in the shop. As a baby, he spent his days in a pack-and-play behind the counter, and as he got older, he learned every part of the trade, from hands-on service work to sales and full installations. In 2009, Brandon's father passed away and they pivoted, expanding the business, taking on bigger projects, and offering more products in the store.

Brandon currently runs the business alongside his wife, Heather. The two met, and as Heather puts it, "Brandon swept me off my feet with a land, air, and sea date on Valentine's Day." They married the following year on the beach in the Outer Banks and have been building both a family and a business ever since. Heather began as the bookkeeper while Brandon handled service calls and

installations, and together they've grown the business while raising their four children: Natalie, Emma, Chase, and Reese. Their oldest daughter, Natalie, recently married the love of her life, Justin, and the younger kids keep the family busy with karate, swimming, and softball. The Merksamer children grew up in the store just like Brandon did, with a pack-and-play behind the counter, helping customers, making crafts, and even assisting with cooking demos. Their labradoodle, Hailey, has become the unofficial store mascot and a star in their advertisements. Visitors are always encouraged to stop in and say hello to Hailey.

When they're not working, the Merksamers enjoy fishing, beach trips, and getaways to the Poconos. Heather also recently published her first children's book, *Happy, Funny, Silly Goofy Dreams*. Check it out on Amazon.

Energy Resources is also deeply committed to Crohn's Disease awareness, a cause close to their hearts as both Brandon and their youngest, Reese, bravely live with the disease. Their strength fuels the family's dedication to spreading compassion and hope.

For the Merksamers, family is everything.

"Family is the heart of what we do," they say. "It reminds us of what truly matters: time together, family dinners, laughing, and creating a warm, welcoming home." That spirit extends to their employees, whom they consider extended family, and to every customer who walks through their doors.

Energy Resources is proud to serve the community that has supported them for 45 years.

"It means so much to serve the place we call home," the family shares. "We're honored to help create spaces where memories are made, whether it's around a fireplace or a grill."

Stop by and don't forget to say hi to Hailey!

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