

Mom and Me

FOUR LOCAL WOMEN SHOW OFF THEIR STYLE VIBES—
WITH THEIR ADORABLE, COORDINATED KIDS IN TOW

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BEACHY Keen

Tracey Benson and twin daughters Brea and Lilly, 12

“As a native Floridian, I love the tropical beach vibe of our small town,” says Palm Beach Gardens resident Tracey Benson. “My daughters and I enjoy wearing bright and colorful clothing like Lilly Pulitzer because it embodies the spirit of the unique Florida lifestyle—sand, ocean, and sun—the love for which was passed on to me by my father.” As a professional photographer (she owns Tracey Benson Photography), Benson certainly has a keen eye, and she applies the same aesthetic to her home as well. “The playful patterns and cheerful colors brighten my mood on any day,” she says.

JASON NUTTLE



Brea in a Lilly Pulitzer romper, Tracey in a Lilly Pulitzer dress, Lilly in a Lululemon tank and white pants; shot at DuBois Park in Jupiter.



Jemma and Jessica in ensembles from Sea Lustre; shot in Riverbend Park in Jupiter.



NATURAL Beauty

Jessica Namath and daughter Jemma, 10

Born in New York City but raised primarily in Jupiter (and having also spent time in Los Angeles during her high school years), Jessica Namath rocks a style that is unpredictable and diverse, a reflection of the different places she has lived and the looks that have inspired her during her travels. “My style can range from classic to bohemian depending on my mood and the occasion,” she says. “One day, I might be channeling the city in head-to-toe black, and the next you’ll find me barefoot in a tie-dye shirt and shorts.” A photographer and environmental activist who currently serves on the Village of Tequesta’s Environmental Advisory Committee, Namath is dedicated to preserving the town she grew up in for future generations. “I’m an advocate for the water, natural areas, and native species that I strongly feel must be protected,” says the Tequesta resident. “I’m also involved in our family businesses and curated the art and historical decor for Charlie and Joe’s at Love Street, which aligns with my passion for historical preservation.” For this photo shoot, Namath chose to dress herself and her daughter, Jemma, in clothing and jewelry by another Jupiter native, Brooke Hartman, owner and designer of Sea Lustre. Says Namath: “I try to shop locally and sustainably whenever possible, supporting companies that do good and care about the environment and their effect on it.”

TRACEY BENSON



RUNWAY Ready

Emily Pantelides and daughter Alexandra, 4

Palm Beach Gardens resident Emily Pantelides—owner of Pantelides PR & Consulting and a CBS12 news host—has loved fashion for as long as she can remember. She says it was her mother who served as her inspiration. “She wore these clear slippers covered in white feathers around the house, then would turn around and put on a gold lamé skirt for dinner,” recalls Pantelides. “I wanted to be just like her, and I still do. I think her fashion gene got passed down to me.” And now that passion for fashion is being passed down to her own young daughter, 4-year-old Alexandra. “When I was Alexandra’s age, all I used to do was go in my mom’s closet and try on her clothes and shoes,” she says. “Now it’s payback time because I have a little mini-me in Alexandra. She’s always in my closet taking anything that sparkles and honestly can walk better in my heels than I can!” Pantelides is all about high fashion (note the couture Gucci glam she put together for this photo shoot) and considers herself a risk-taker when it comes to style. “I love trends, and I love to find ways to incorporate runway looks into my day-to-day attire,” she says. “My creative outlet is fashion; I can’t get enough. During Fashion Week, I gobble up runway looks like it’s my job, and I’m on a first-name basis with the people at Net-a-Porter.” Locally, she says she finds great high-end looks at her friend’s store, Jennifer’s Designer Exchange in Palm Beach Gardens.

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Alexandra and Emily in Gucci couture; shot at their home in Palm Beach Gardens.

Caroline and Jeanmarie pair their colorful Pitusa cover-ups with fun bracelets by local designer Liv Tova; shot on their boat in the Jupiter Inlet.



SEA Style

Dr. Jeanmarie Connor and daughter Caroline, 11

Jupiter native Dr. Jeanmarie Connor, who co-owns Premier Pediatrics as well as Scarology, is someone who loves living in Florida and being on the water and has a naturally optimistic sensibility. One of her mottoes? “If you can’t find the sunshine, be the sunshine.” Those traits are reflected in her fashion choices. “You can usually find me in boating or loungewear, or anything bright and nautical,” she says. “For me, fashion is about more than getting dressed—it is an opportunity to show my optimistic sense through my style.” Dr. Connor loves to shop locally (favorite boutiques include Blueline Surf & Paddle Co., Vagabond, Sea Lustre, and Lilly Pulitzer) and says she and her daughter, Caroline, enjoy putting together coordinated looks. Here, they’re sporting matching cover-ups from Pitusa, suits from Maaji Swimwear, and bracelets from Liv Tova. “It’s one of our favorite mommy-and-me pieces,” she says of the jewelry line made by a local mom and sold on Etsy. Dr. Connor lives in Jupiter with her four children and husband, Mike, an oculoplastic surgeon in Palm Beach Gardens. ♦

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