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Rebecca Krecsy-Chambers met her husband Brett Chambers in early 2014, and from that day they were instantly inseparable. "It was a new feeling for me because I always considered myself to be very independent!" says Rebecca fondly. The pair were married in a small ceremony in Rebecca's parents' backyard, right here in St. Albert, on July 23, 2016. "We had a few close friends and dear family members in attendance". Rebecca says her favourite memory is during what she calls a "family-moon". "We did not have a traditional honeymoon, instead opting to take the kids on a trip to BC," she explains. Brett had never been to the West Coast, so this was a special trip for him in more ways than one. That whole trip was simply perfect. The kids had some amazing experiences, and we were so happy to see them enjoy themselves as much as they did! It was worth forgoing a regular honeymoon to spend time together as a family."

Rebecca and Brett's love for their children shines through as they describe them. "All three of our children are so different from one another!" Rebecca says warmly. "Our oldest daughter is the most kind, caring soul with a beautiful singing voice! Her passion has become rooted in cooking and baking – which is something we are more than happy to encourage. Our son is so empathetic and loves helping others whenever he can. He loves to be in the water anytime he has the chance. He is also a Minecraft and Roblox fanatic. Our youngest daughter is a curious and energetic little ball of destruction. She has no fear exploring the world around her and knows exactly what she wants – which is usually Disney songs and climbing on anything and everything."

The Chambers are all very much animal people. "We have three pets," says Rebecca. "Zoe, our oldest cat is a tortoise shell breed with the sweetest personality. She has been with me through so many different life changes. I'm so thankful for her never-ending affection and her patience with our kids. Our youngest cat



is Cloe. She's a medium haired, large and in charge, furball. She's a total character and a whirlwind, who lives for her cat treats and bedtime snuggles. Our dog is Harley. He is a Newfoundland mix and honestly, he makes our family whole. He's our kid's guardian, keeps the cats in line and we swear he has a sense of humour. We joke that if he could talk, he would sound like "Dug", from the Disney movie "Up". He is such a big presence in our home, we actually made him our unofficial company mascot! I thoroughly enjoy creating memes and ads featuring Harley. He's always so willing to pose for pictures, too! He truly is the goodest boy!"

Brett attended some post-secondary school in his native Ontario, though when he moved to Alberta in 2013, he took a job in the oilfield. "After we got together, he decided he did not want to be away from home as much and made the career change to the plumbing and gas fitting trade," says Rebecca. Brett attended NAIT to complete the four-year plumbing and gas fitting course and passed with flying colours. Plumbing was always something Brett was passionate about, and now he's living his dream of running his own company. "I personally chose to not attend post-secondary and focused on learning as much as I could about visual marketing at my retail job position, at our local St. Albert mall. It was there

I was offered a job from a woman who was the office manager of a local RV dealership. She offered me a job and I felt that I couldn't refuse that opportunity. It gave me my first real experience in marketing – and I was hooked. Over the next 12 years working for the same company, I learned a great deal about social media marketing, as well as perfecting my customer relations skills."

Both Brett and I feel very strongly about helping those in our communities and the surrounding areas. It is in large part the reason why we started Chambers Plumbing & Heating Services, and why we've worked so hard to succeed even during a pandemic."

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While Rebecca was on maternity leave, she and Brett discussed her work options, as her return-to-work date was approaching. "We had wanted to open our own business previously, but never felt that the timing was right. When we took that leap, our goal was simple: Make plumbing affordable to those in our community and in the surrounding areas. With my mother being the Executive Director at the St. Albert Food Bank and Community Village, we are well-aware of the many people in our community that struggle to afford home repairs. We wanted to be a part of that solution."

Brett speaks of his work with great pride. "I genuinely enjoy meeting new people and getting to know them." Rebecca takes

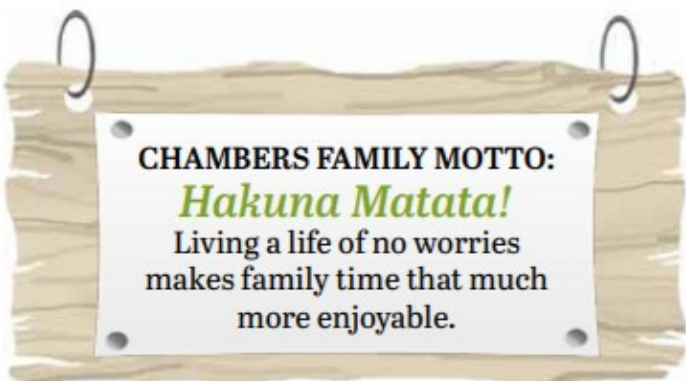
care of the marketing and customer relations side of things. "Seeing clients and potential clients interact with some of our ads – especially those with some humour in them, or our dog Harley – is really rewarding. Helping those in our community and the surrounding area and receiving 'thank you' notes is another level of rewarding."

Having a home-based business during a pandemic can certainly present its own unique challenges. Raising children while tackling everyday business tasks can be quite difficult to say the least, however it does create its own rewards as well. "We really enjoy doing things a little bit differently. For example, when we hold contests, we not only pick a winner but allow that winner to choose a local charity and we will donate to said charity in their name." says Rebecca excitedly. "The freedom of creativity is an aspect of owning our own business that brings a lot of fulfillment."

Aside from his clear passion for his career and business, Brett has also always wanted to become a pilot. Rebecca gifted him some flight lessons, and he has said that when he's able to slow down a little, he's going to make it his goal to take to the skies. He tends to see the humour in almost everything, so not only can he fix a problem, but he can also turn a stressful situation into a more manageable, comfortable one. "He also has me for a wife, and that in itself requires a sense of humour and talent!" laughs Rebecca. Her lifelong dream to become a published author was realized just a few years ago. "I had my first book, *Mercenaries War*, published on Amazon and I do not think I could accurately describe the feeling of seeing years of work finally up online for anyone to purchase. It's both daunting and exciting! It was a proud moment for me."

The Chambers family lives in the Deer Ridge neighbourhood and have for the past nine years. "I've lived in St. Albert since 1997 and have never wanted to live anywhere else." says Rebecca. "After moving around all over the country for most of my childhood, due to my father being in the military, I knew this was where I would stay. When Brett moved from Port Perry, Ontario to Edmonton and eventually to St. Albert, he fell in love with this city as well."

Rebecca and Brett consider themselves lucky to live in such a bonded community, and are happy to raise their children here. "We really could not ask for better neighbours." Rebecca says warmly. "While we will probably never win the lottery, we hit the jackpot with them! They're so helpful, sweet and we know we can depend on them for anything if the need arises." Rebecca beams with pride as she speaks of her neighbours. "Thank you so much for being so welcoming to us, and for being pseudo grandparents to our children. Even though you do not usually get to choose who you live next to, if we were ever given that choice, we would choose you time and time again."



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