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By Renee & Mike Beckham,
Cave Creek residents

meet Renee & Mike BECKHAM OF E. FAIRWAY TRAIL

Family members:

Mike: Dentist and owner of Beckham Dental in Cave Creek

Renee: Dental hygienist at Beckham Dental

Anthony (son): Water analyst for SRP

Collin (son): Student at ASU W.P. Carey School of Business

Petey, Tank, Laney: our Cattle dogs

Joey: African Gray parrot

How long have you lived in Cave Creek? Where are you originally from?

We have lived in Cave Creek for 20 years. Mike is originally from Chicago and Renee grew up in Phoenix.

What do you like best about living in Cave Creek?

The beauty of the desert, the wildlife, and the unbelievably unique and special people that have chosen to call Cave Creek their home.

What's your most memorable Cave Creek experience?

Mike: Watching my beautiful wife fly down the hill at the bathtub races.

Renee: That was definitely a memorable experience! The steering mechanism for the bathtub did not work well. It was very scary!



How are you involved with the community?

We own Beckham Dental in Cave Creek. Over the years, we've become quite active in the community. We've participated in the Cave Creek parades and sponsored Little League baseball, youth football, and the Cactus Shadows mountain bike team. We are also one of the original sponsors of the new scoreboard at Cactus Shadows high school. We also provide free dental care to youth athletes who are injured playing sports. And our banner flies proudly at the rodeo grounds at the Buffalo Chip Saloon.

Describe a recent celebration.

Mike: We celebrated our 24th wedding anniversary on January 3. I'm married to the best woman in the world.

Renee: Mike is truly my best friend and the greatest husband I could ask for!

Favorite family recipes: Mike is a vegetarian so these recipes are staples in our house: Vegetarian enchiladas, vegetarian posole, and vegetarian stroganoff.

What do you like to do for fun? We both love hiking, biking, running, and taking advantage of all of the beautiful Cave Creek trails. And we enjoy playing with our dogs and parrot.

Something unique about you that not very many people can claim:

Mike: I was so fortunate to grow up in the area I did because I was able to work in many factories. That gave me a true understanding of people. And I can grind a mean crankshaft and make one great baby diaper!

Renee: I won the bathtub races in Cave Creek two years in a row.

Guilty pleasure: **Mike:** Cereal at night. | **Renee:** Mexican food.

The song I would sing at Karaoke night:

Mike: Waylon Jennings "Only Daddy That'll Walk the Line"

Renee: From the movie Grease, "You're the One That I Want"

Things you can't live without: **Mike:** My wife, my kids, and my dogs.

Renee: My husband, my kids, and my dogs. (And of course that dumb bird...)

Person who has made a difference in your life? **Mike:** My wife Renee, my parents, my high school football coach Sneddon, and Abraham Lincoln.

Renee: I wouldn't be who I am today without my husband. He has always been my greatest supporter and my best friend.

Skill(s) you would like to improve? **Mike:** My 50-yard dash time and my endurance.

Renee: My hip-hop dancing and my singing skills. No, really, I would like to be better at remembering names.

cannot stand slowing down. Also coming home at the end of the day to run the dogs and relax with my wife.

Renee: Working with great people, taking care of my patients, and coming home to a beautiful desert view.

Favorite sports teams:

Mike: Da Bears!

Renee: I watch whatever game Mike has on the TV.

Favorite TV show you're into right now:

Mike: I don't care how silly this sounds but it's still *The Andy Griffith Show* with Andy and Barney or *The Three Stooges* with Moe, Larry, and Curly. But I do love Shemp too.

Renee: HGTV, of course! Doesn't every girl love it? And we are watching *The Bodyguard* on Netflix right now.

A favorite movie I could never get tired of watching:

Mike: *The Big Lebowski*. "I'm not Lebowski, I'm The Dude." Every time I watch it I laugh more at the little things in the movie that are so funny.

Renee: Any John Hughes movie from the '80s. They are just feel-good movies.

Favorite music: **Mike:** The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Jackson Browne.

Renee: All '80s music!

Favorite quote:

Mike: It's actually a line from a song by the band Missing Persons. "Life is so strange... Destination unknown."

Renee: "Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain."



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Favorite vacation destination outside of

AZ: Hawaii on the beach near a little town that reminds us of Cave Creek.

Favorite restaurant:

Mike: Indian Village in Cave Creek. I love Bart and the gals.

Renee: The Grotto, Local Jonny's, Tonto Bar and Grill - all in Cave Creek. It's hard to choose one!

Favorite part of a typical day:

Mike: When the staff and I are "in the zone" and moving at light speed to take care of our patients. I



Joey, our parrot, taking us for a hike.



Joey, our parrot, keeping me company on a ride.