A flexible career choice

Real estate agent Debbie Pizzo has always worked in sales and marketing, so it was easy to jump right into the business and got licensed in 2004. She loves the flexibility, especially when her children were younger.

As an agent with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, she always goes the extra mile with her clients. Additionally, knowing the area very well helps; she was born and raised in Ridgefield and has lived in Newtown, Brookfield and Danbury at some point.

"Knowing the towns is a major benefit ... a major plus for both buyers and sellers," Pizzo said of her knowledge.

She recognizes purchasing and selling a home can be stressful at times, especially for first-time homeowners who often times have so many questions as it's all new to them. Additionally, she said, real estate investments can be scary, as is selling a home that has been part of one's family since the kids were tiny, or letting go and moving onto the next chapter. She keeps the stress level at bay, making everything calm by explaining and communicating.

As a Realtor, Pizzo has had the opportunity to meet wonderful people from all around the world, some of whom have graduated from clients to friends — a fact she takes pride in.

Since 2000, she has lived in Brookfield where she just celebrated her 23rd wedding anniversary with her husband, Charles. They have two children: Nicholas, 19 who attends Sacred Heart University and Monica, 17, a senior at Immaculate High School.

Pizzo volunteer with Ann's Place in Danbury. The organization provides love, help, faith and assistance to families affected by cancer. She also volunteers for A Dream Come True, making dreams come true for ill children.

She graduated from Quinnipiac University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

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