



FULL CIRCLE

THE DOLD FAMILY'S JOURNEY TO HOME AND COMMUNITY

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What are the chances that a wedding venue from nearly two decades ago would one day become home? For Sylvia and Andrew Dold, fate had a funny way of bringing them right back to where their journey together began.

The couple's love story began in medical school, leading to their wedding in 2004 at The Inn at Chateau Elan. At the time, they had no idea they would one day be living in the very same community. Their honeymoon in Italy remains one of their most cherished memories, with fond recollections of strolling the streets of Florence, Rome, and Venice. Looking back, their wedding set the course for destiny.

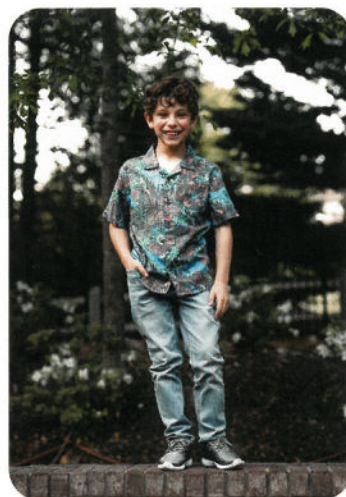
It was twelve years later, in 2016, when the Dolds moved to The Legends of Chateau Elan from Flowery Branch. In 2019, they moved again—this time just two doors down—to a home better suited for their multigenerational household, where both of their mothers now reside in a basement apartment.

Together, Sylvia and Andrew have built a beautiful life with their ten-year-old son, Nicholas. A well-rounded and ambitious kid, Nicholas has been practicing karate since the age of five and is set to achieve black belt status by the time this article goes to print. In addition to his martial arts training, he has taken parkour and ninja warrior classes, embracing an adventurous and active lifestyle.

Beyond his athletic pursuits, Nicholas is also a talented young writer. Last school year, he participated in the nationwide Young

Writer's Challenge sponsored by Leap for Literacy, where his book, *Hover Wonder*—about a time travel hoverboard—was selected as a winner. As a result, it was professionally illustrated and published. His book is now available on Amazon and at Learning Express Toys of Woodstock. Nicholas even had a "Meet the Author" table at the Braselton Antique and Artisan Fall Festival, where he signed and sold copies of his book.

Completing the family, the Dolds have two beloved dogs—Ginger, a four-year-old red toy poodle, and Cupcake, a six-month-old Pomeranian. The full house of grandmas, kiddo, and dogs goes to show how stellar the Dolds are at balancing life.



To top it all off, both Sylvia and Andrew have impressive medical careers. Sylvia, a rheumatologist, is a graduate of the University of Miami. She attended medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, followed by residency training at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and a fellowship at Louisiana State University (LSU) in New Orleans. Andrew, an infectious disease specialist, earned his undergraduate degree from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, before attending medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and his fellowship at the University of Mississippi in Jackson, Mississippi.

As a family, the Dolds enjoy spending summers at the pool, and Sylvia and Nicholas share a love for Pokémon Go. Their enthusiasm for the game took them all the way to Las Vegas in 2023 for a two-day live event at Sunset Park. As for Andrew, he enjoys cooking and bonding with Nicholas as they work on their comic books and Pokémon card collections.

When it comes to sports, the Dolds have divided loyalties. Sylvia, a Miami native, is a dedicated Dolphins fan, but for baseball, she proudly supports the hometown Braves. Andrew, originally from southern New Jersey, is an unwavering Philadelphia sports enthusiast, cheering for the Phillies, Eagles, Sixers, and Flyers.



The Dold family also loves traveling to Orlando, where they create enchanting memories at Disney and Universal—places especially dear to Sylvia, who grew up visiting them often as a Floridian. Re-living the magic with her own child is truly special.

Back at home, the Dolds love their neighborhood and appreciate the sense of community that Chateau Elan offers. They particularly enjoy the Cars of Chateau event and take pride in knowing they can always count on their neighbors. "We can reach out to our neighbors for help any time. It is a great community of people," Sylvia shares. The Dolds encourage everyone to look out for one another and to continue fostering the warm, welcoming spirit that makes Braselton feel like home. 🏡

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