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# goodLIFEfamily

The Go-To Source for Parents of Kids Tweens to Twenties

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# about us

There are two things parents hope to give their children: roots and wings. But it's often hard to know if the decisions we're making are the right ones, especially when the world is changing so quickly. *Good Life Family* is a resource for parents with kids tweens to twenties.

*Good Life Family* helps navigate the challenges of raising good kids — kids who will find their own paths to happiness. It also offers support and resources for the “sandwich generation,” those who are sandwiched between raising their kids and caring for aging parents. Extensive and insightful content addresses the daily joys and struggles of finding a balance between kids and parents while keeping ourselves sane in the process. Our feature topics include relationships, health, financial security, philanthropy, travel and fashion.

*Good Life Family* also celebrates parents who are making a difference in their families, their communities, and to those in need. You'll meet inspiring women and men who have stared down life's challenges, survived and are now willing to share their journey with you.

*Good Life Family* is committed to making a difference in the lives of our families, friends and communities as the go-to source for parents of kids tweens to twenties.

*We're living, we're learning, and most important, we're laughing.  
We hope you will too.*



# reader profile

The *Good Life Family* reader is a busy mom or dad raising kids ages 12 to 21. They likely have a career and are active in the community, but these parents' top priority and greatest sense of accomplishment comes from parenting.

They multi-task every day — from running carpool to coaching teams, from teaching their teens to drive to getting dinner on the table, and from starting a college education fund to visiting campuses. In many cases, our core readers are also caring for their own parents and coping with the challenges of managing their busy home lives while finding the time and resources to help their aging parents mentally, physically and financially.

*Good Life Family* parents are active and want to stay fit. They de-stress by being social, traveling and relaxing at home. They enjoy a lifestyle that is commensurate with their hard work, including creating a home life that will build memories and leave a lasting legacy for their families.



**Average age is 35-62 with children 12-21**

**78% Moms • 22% Dads**

**Baby Boomers • Gen X • Sandwich Gen**

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## GENERATION X

FIRST GENERATION FOR FOCUS ON "WORK-LIFE BALANCE"  
BROUGHT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES INCLUDING GOOGLE™, YOUTUBE™ AND AMAZON™  
23% HAVE MASTERS DEGREES OR HIGHER  
78% OWN A HOME  
SPEND AN AVERAGE OF \$8311. ANNUALLY ON FOOD AND ALCOHOL  
SPEND AN AVERAGE OF \$2499. ANNUALLY ON HEALTH CARE  
SPEND AN AVERAGE OF \$7175. ON PERSONAL INSURANCE AND PENSIONS  
EARN AN AVERAGE HH INCOME OF \$101,159 PER YEAR

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SPEND AN AVERAGE OF \$58/MONTH ON GYM MEMBERSHIPS  
SPEND AN AVERAGE OF \$86/MONTH ON CONCERT TICKETS  
DINE OUT AN AVERAGE OF 220 TIMES PER YEAR  
IN 2015, THOSE AGED 50+ TO REPRESENT 45% OF US POPULATION  
WILL LEAVE AN AVERAGE OF \$340,000 TO EACH OF THEIR CHILDREN  
OUT SPEND OTHER GENERATIONS BY \$400 BILLION EACH YEAR ON CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES  
IN TEXAS, THEY SPEND AN AVERAGE OF \$10,549 PER YEAR ON COLLEGE TUITION

## SANDWICH GEN

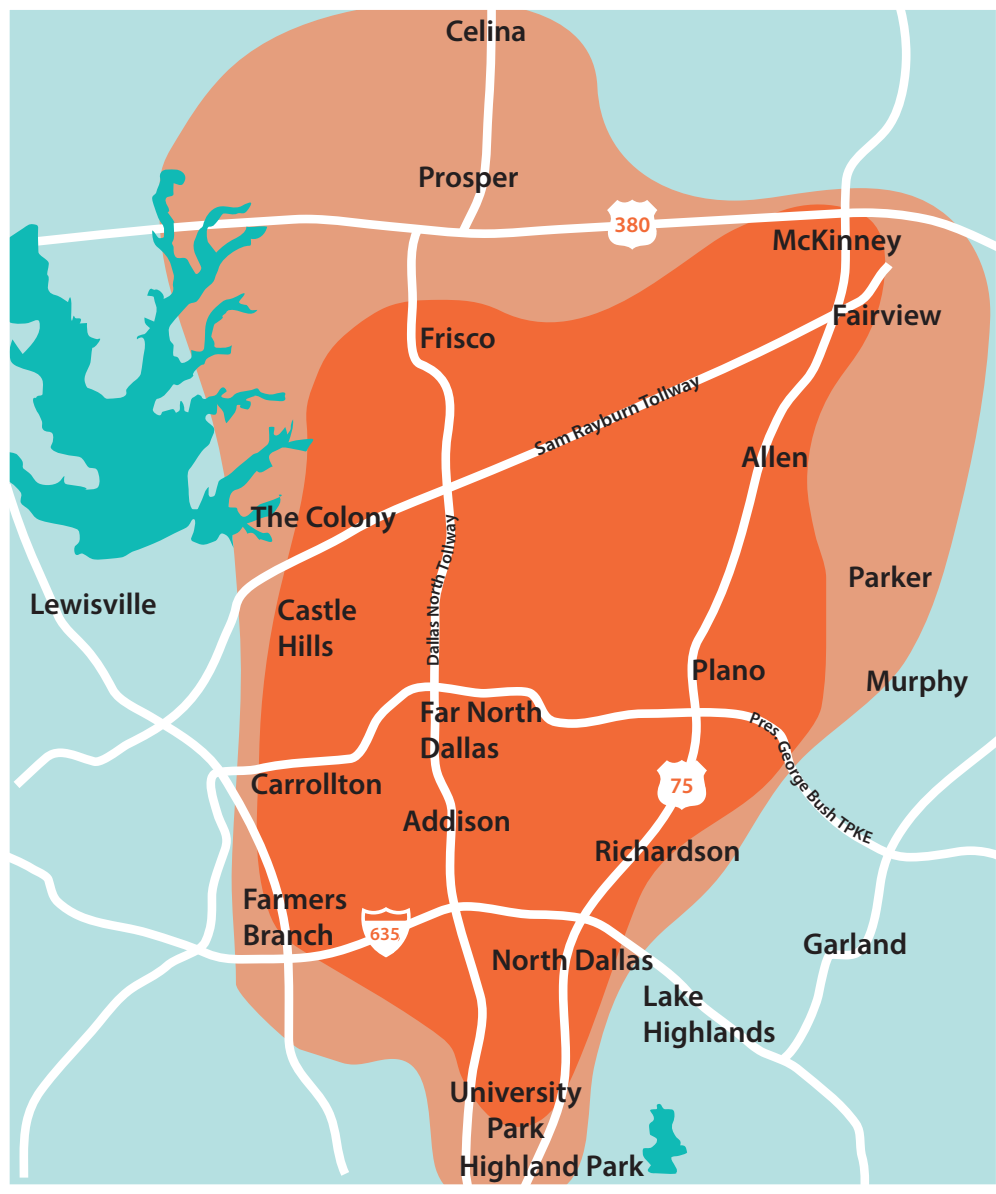
24 MILLION PEOPLE AND GROWING  
38% OF THE TOTAL POPULATION  
AVERAGE AGE 48  
7 OUT OF 10 WORK  
CARES FOR PARENT 74 AND OLDER  
HAS KIDS AT HOME UNDER 18



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• **Estimated readership of 44,800 per issue**

• **7,600+ Print Subscribers**

• **4,500+ Digital/Email Subscribers (grows by hundreds each month)**

• **300+ Distribution Sites**

• **4,000+ Monthly Page Views on [goodlifefamilymag.com](http://goodlifefamilymag.com)**

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## FAIRVIEW

Stacy Road Pet Hospital  
Gandy Orthodontics  
Palios Pizza

## FRISCO

### Market Street | Frisco

Baylor Outpatient Services  
Benham Orthodontics  
Blue Door

## **FRISCO (cont)**

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Gandy Orthodontics  
Gideon Math & Reading  
Global Peace Factory Coffee House  
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Run On!  
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BN Behavior Network  
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Busy Body  
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Cafe Brazil  
Car Spa | Plano  
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Goodfellas  
Haggard Library  
Hiatus Spa  
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Luke's Locker  
Main Street Bakery  
Mama's Daughter's Diner  
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Plano Dermatology  
Plano Medical Center  
Plano Sports Authority

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Qdoba  
SMG Wealth Advisors  
SMOKE Plano  
Spezzo Italian Restaurant  
The Car Spa  
This Side Up Family Fun Center  
Tom Muehlenbeck Rec Center  
Victory Step Test Prep  
Village Health Partners  
Wells Brothers Farm Store  
Willowbend Fitness  
WingStop | Dallas Parkway  
Women's Specialists of Plano  
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Yao Fuzi  
YMCA | Plano/McDermott  
Yumilicious Yogurt

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# editorial content

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If you have questions, we have answers. We've gathered experts whose advice, wisdom and counsel will help guide the direction of the magazine and website. Our board includes doctors, educators, counselors, nonprofit executives, TV and radio personalities and community leaders. They're here to make sure we empower you with the best advice possible on almost any subject you can think of.

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### **goodHEALTH**

Topics include health and wellness, nutrition, fitness, mental health, eating disorders, and more for our parents and their children, tweens to twenties.

### **INgoodSHAPE**

Tips for getting or staying in shape, including starting or joining a walking/running/cycling group, personal training, making time to work out, finding the right gym, etc.

### **goodTO GO**

Advice from internationally known travel advisor Rick Seaney, plus how to find the best deals, best destinations for families with older kids and travel tips.

### **goodADVICE**

Answers to often overwhelming legal questions, including home liability, wills, trusts, personal injury, family matters and more.

### **goodLOOKS**

Fashion trends and looks for every occasion...from luncheons to date night, homecoming to prom, GLF fashion editors pull together looks for every age!

### **goodREADS**

GLF's book reviews and recommendations are sure to spice up your reading list for you or your book club.

### **goodKIDS AWARD**

Meet kids, middle school through college, who are doing something right, reinforcing the good in our communities by shining a light on role models. **GLF is taking nominations! Visit [goodlifefamilymag.com](http://goodlifefamilymag.com) to nominate someone you know!**

### **VIPAWARD**

Our VIP (Very Inspiring Parent) Award honors the everyday, and not-so-everyday, heroes in our midst. Those whose courage inspires others, in spite of the challenges life has thrown at them. **GLF is taking nominations! Visit [goodlifefamilymag.com](http://goodlifefamilymag.com) to nominate someone you know!**

### **goodDEEDS**

Philanthropies, charitable organizations and individuals who are making a difference in our communities and in the lives of our families.

### **goodTIMES**

Our community calendar of events PLUS highlights from luncheons, parties, proms, galas, school events, concerts, and more. Selfies welcome!

### **goodTO KNOW**

In each issue, we will delve into the most important and essential issues impacting our lives and the lives of our kids tweens to twenties.

### **goodOLE DAYS**

Our readers are often part of the 'sandwich generation' so we will cover issues and topics like milestone celebrations, finding senior living, helping with wills and advance directives and finding counsel for health, legal and financial matters.

### **goodLIVING**

From house renovation and outdoor decor to family fun at home, GLF focuses on the resources you need to live the good life!

### **goodEATS**

Our Dining Guide promotes local restaurants from family-friendly eateries to date night destinations, while recipes and restaurant reviews help with any family dining dilemmas.

### **goodJOBS**

Working with job banks and local businesses, we'll let you know who is hiring, whether it's part-time work for high school students; internships for college students and graduates; a full-time job for moms or dads who have stayed home to raise their kids and are ready to go back to work; and meaningful work for readers' parents who are not ready to completely retire.



## 2016 Editorial Features & Special Sections

*Good Life Family* magazine helps navigate the challenges of raising good kids with extensive and insightful content addressing the daily joys and struggles of finding a balance between kids and aging parents. The following features are in every issue of *Good Life Family* magazine:

Health & Wellness • Fashion • Travel • Dining Guide • Financial & Legal Advice • Philanthropy • Home Living  
VIP Award • Good Kids Award • Events Calendar & Photos

Below are the upcoming **Special Sections and Features** for each issue in 2016!

### January | February 2016 *Celebrate!*

- **Special Section: The Ultimate Travel Guide**
- Adults Going Back-to-School
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness
- Red Hot Valentine's Gift Guide

### March | April 2016 *Looking Forward!*

- **Special Section: College Guide**
- **Special Section: Summer Camps & Programs Guide**
- **Special Section: Prom Night!**
- Outdoor Living & Décor
- Health Feature: Cancer

### May | June 2016 *Bring the Heat*

- **Special Section: The Family Home: Renovations, Building, Designing and Residential Real Estate**
- **Special Section: The Gift Guide: Mother's Day, Father's Day and Graduates**
- Men's Health Month
- Beating Summer Boredom
- Dermatology and Skin Care

### July | August 2016 *Meet the Millennials*

- **Special Section: Beat the Boredom | A Guide to Summer Fun!**
- **Special Section: Back to School**
- **Health Feature: Sleep Disorders**
- Sports and Fitness Injuries
- Over Scheduling and Sleep Deprivation

### September | October 2016 *Seasons of Change!*

- **Special Section: Top Docs**
- **Special Section: Holiday Planning Guide**
- Social Media Revolution

### November | December 2016 *The Holiday Issue*

- **Special Section: Holiday Gift Guide**
- **Special Section: Family Fun & Entertainment**
- Traditions and Celebrating Family
- Health Feature: Stress

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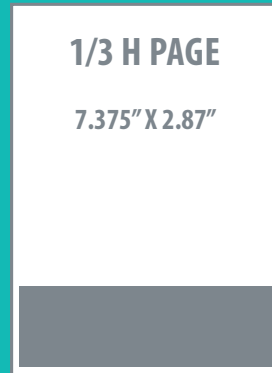
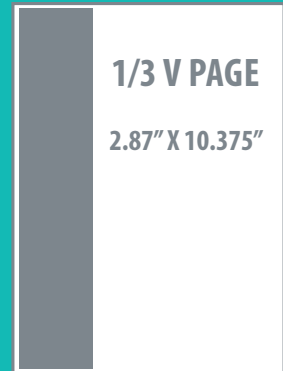
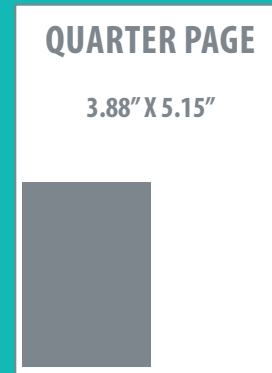
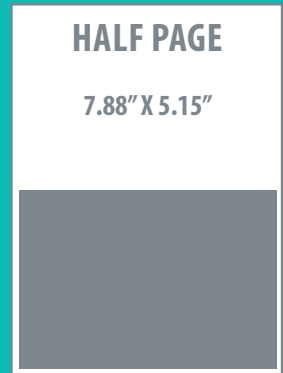
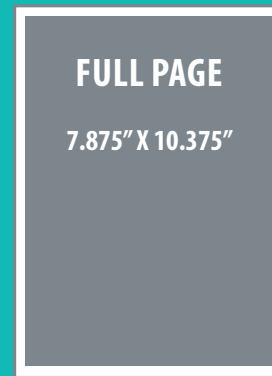
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- The GLF Weekly eBlast Newsletter is delivered to over 4,000 subscribers each week and has an average open rate of 34%, *twice that of the industry standard.*

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### Where There's Smoke, There's Byres

SMOKE PLANO - THE PERFECT COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE

By Matt Gosselin

Just outside of Dallas, in the heart of the Metroplex, is a town called Plano. It's a town that's been around for over 100 years. It's a town that's known for its beautiful parks, its excellent schools, and its vibrant community. It's a town that's always been a place where people want to live. And now, it's a town that's also a great place to eat.

Without a doubt, the restaurant's crown jewel is its breakfast buffet. It's a buffet that's available every day, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. It's a buffet that's packed with everything you could want in a breakfast buffet. There's a variety of eggs, a variety of meats, a variety of breads, and a variety of fruits. It's a buffet that's always been a place where people want to eat.

The big private party room with access to the patio is just right for all of your upcoming celebrations. Think: homecoming, milestone birthdays, holiday dinners, corporate events, etc. It's not just meat (although the meat is fantastic).

#### What Makes SMOKE Plano so HOT?

Smoke Plano can accommodate small, intimate gatherings or large events - seating up to 280 people. Both patios (one large, one smaller) can be reserved out and both have bars. Tons of carnival lighting provided.

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### My 26-year-old daughter is engaged, and her fiancé has asked her to sign a prenuptial agreement. What does this entail and should he be concerned?

Prenuptial agreements are more common now than ever. They have the effect of changing the rules from what Texas law says will happen in a divorce to what the parties agree will happen. To understand the effect of a prenuptial agreement, you first have to understand the difference between community property and separate property. If there is a divorce in your daughter's future, community property (you can think of it as property that belongs to the marriage) will be divided. Separate property will go with the person it belongs to.

There are several forms of separate property, but the three most common are:
- What was owned prior to marriage.
- What was received during marriage by gift (including a gift from the spouse).
- What was received by way of inheritance.

With some exceptions, income from separate property belongs to the community. Most of the time, the purpose of a prenuptial agreement is to change community property to separate property. So if your daughter's fiancé has a good job or a business, he will likely want the separate property to be his. The prenuptial agreement will specify what property remains his separate property. Otherwise, Texas law would make it subject to division upon divorce. The agreement might also say that the community property will be divided 50-50, or that the only property that will be his is the community property that he brought into the marriage. This is a common goal for many couples. It's important to have a lawyer review the agreement to make sure it's fair and enforceable. There is a waiting period with these agreements, so an attorney would be helpful in reviewing the agreement. It will be important for your daughter to know the exact terms of her fiancé's property plan, as it is important for her to have her own attorney involved in the drafting and reviewing the final document.

Jeffrey Anderson, Orange, Nelson, Downing and Anderson, LLP

**ASKED & ANSWER**

ANSWERS TO YOUR IMPORTANT LEGAL QUESTIONS FROM OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS

**Q: My 26-year-old daughter is engaged, and her fiancé has asked her to sign a prenuptial agreement. What does this entail and should he be concerned?**

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With some exceptions, income from separate property belongs to the community. Most of the time, the purpose of a prenuptial agreement is to change community property to separate property. So if your daughter's fiancé has a good job or a business, he will likely want the separate property to be his. The prenuptial agreement will specify what property remains his separate property. Otherwise, Texas law would make it subject to division upon divorce. The agreement might also say that the community property will be divided 50-50, or that the only property that will be his is the community property that he brought into the marriage. This is a common goal for many couples. It's important to have a lawyer review the agreement to make sure it's fair and enforceable. There is a waiting period with these agreements, so an attorney would be helpful in reviewing the agreement. It will be important for your daughter to know the exact terms of her fiancé's property plan, as it is important for her to have her own attorney involved in the drafting and reviewing the final document.

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