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Meet the
RENJEL FAMILY!

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Moving magic made...set up with the comforts of home just hours after the truck leaves!



Amy O'Donnell, Owner/President Magic Maker Solutions



Tidy play room for triplets!



Amy can help you lighten up, set up your closets, and coordinate consignments and donation pickups

*Spring is in the Air!
Time for A Fresh Start!*

Let Magic Maker Solutions Help you Declutter, Get Organized and Improve Your Productivity as Well as Your Mood

Some research suggests that de-cluttering can have as much of an effect on your well-being as it does on your physical space. If the constant stream of things to pick up around your home and office leaves you feeling anxious, you're not alone. Objects have the power to do just that. And no one agrees with this more than Amy O'Donnell President/Owner of Magic Maker Solutions. Amy believes that if you stop holding on to old things and declutter, it a great stress reliever. Not only can you immediately begin to feel better by organizing items in your home and workplace, but you will find that your overall productivity increases as well.

Amy began Magic Maker Solutions a little over five years ago, and the company focuses on home/life management and overall organization, productivity improvement, and complete relocation coordination. Prior to being an "official" professional organizer, her position as a network news producer followed by retail management gave her incredible skills invaluable for her to be a successful business owner helping others get organized. As a news producer, she learned time management and how to work under pressure and with deadlines. Her extensive retail background with Crate & Barrel, Abercrombie & Fitch, and Papyrus where she managed inventory, operations and the opening and closing of stores, also helped to effectively prepare her to help individuals, families, and businesses create a well-functioning environment.

As Amy describes, "Our mission is to bring about positive change in as many lives as possible by making the every day easier and major events more

manageable. We understand there are never enough hours in a day, or hands on deck to do it all. We give you the time and energy for what you really want and need to do by taking care of what you don't."

A true "type-A Virgo," Amy says she was destined for this career. Her take: "Some people don't have the ritual in place, or the spatial skills to determine the best place to put stuff," she says. "Lots of people can benefit from the outside expertise a professional can provide."

Magic Maker Solutions indeed can make magic happen. Amy not only creates order from chaos but also works with her clients to establish a system to keep it that way. At the first meeting with a client, she does a walkthrough of not only the space to be tackled, but the whole home, to pick up on patterns that carry throughout the house. Amy often asks questions about the family: how busy they are, how involved are the kids, is there anything going on in the dynamics that she should be aware of. During this walkthrough, Amy might also tackle part of a space if she sees something that can be organized in just a few minutes. Most areas can be organized the same day as the first meeting.

Amy's projects go beyond the DC metro when she helps clients with a complete move coordination. She recently returned from Florida where she was helping a couple relocating from the DC area with a move to Naples. This project included selecting items for auction, designer clothing for consignment, two trucks of junk, recycling and donations, and determining the most effective and cost-efficient way to send furniture and personal items to their adult children living in three different states. All this occurred with timeliness and limited involvement on the part of the clients. The couple returned from a trip to a completely set-up and organized new home and an empty old house.

Whether you are looking to downsize yourself, need to move your aging parents, have a house with lots of children that could use some decluttering, or have a messy office space, Magic Maker Solutions, "Home of the Ultimate Fresh Start", can help you with overall organization, operational optimization, and moving management.

Amy O'Donnell wants to make your life easier and more productive. Your wish is her command!

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