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Our annual special section celebrates the talents and accomplishments of seven outstanding businesswomen who reap the rewards of doing what they truly love for a living.



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*"I am a creator of peace
in the environments around us
because I know that it inspires
peace within us."*

LISA KAHN

LISA KAHN DESIGNS South Naples, Florida

Weaving together three generations, the thread of maternal devotion connects Lisa Kahn to both possibility and purpose. Amid memorable times spent with her mother—making corn husk dolls in the autumn, decorating sugar cookies during the holidays, and rearranging her bedroom seasonally—the young girl grew up with an understanding of both the intangible and practical merits of self-expression. She followed her mother into the field of interior design but discovered a greater sense of mission with the arrival of her daughter, Chloe, who has special needs.

"She gave me a remarkable gift on the day she was born," says Lisa. "It took me ten years to open it, but once I did, my life changed profoundly." The personal stresses of seeking diagnosis and treatment for her beloved child clarified the entrepreneur's own intrinsic yearning for refuge. "My work became focused on creating tranquil spaces of beauty, order, and light," she adds.

Whether lending her professional talents to a private home, boutique hotel, school, or business, Lisa's goal, no matter the locale, is always to infuse a sense of calm into each project. Clients in every stage of the journey, from expectant parents preparing for a burgeoning family to empty nesters settling into retirement, turn to the designer for help in maintaining equanimity and composure despite transitions that can leave many feeling unsure of their footing.

Her philosophy, Finding Sanctuary, encompasses not only cultivating nurturing environs but also encouraging daily self-care. She suggests establishing meaningful morning and evening routines, such as meditating, taking a walk, or enjoying a cup of tea, and faithfully honoring those appointments for restoring the spirit.

Considering untapped potential for growth, Lisa advises, "Find your points of deepest angst and deepest curiosity, and see what you learn. In the process of this discovery is your unique gift." *V*

