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Wife, Mother and Teacher? Janet Street is not your average Buckhead Betty

The women of Atlanta who reside in the affluent neighborhood of Buckhead have affectionately earned the nickname “Buckhead Bettys”. The Bettys are known for spending their days shopping, going for mani-pedis, going to the gym and picking up their children from school. Now meet Janet Street. Street lives in Buckhead, and her children attend one of the best private schools in the area, but she is not your typical Buckhead Betty.

Street was born and raised in New Orleans where she attended a small private school called Episcopalian. The school had church every day so the only day that she did not attend services was on Saturdays. Street remains very religious and active in her church today because of her upbringing in the Church.



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After graduating from high school, Street decided to attend the University of Denver because she wanted to “snow ski”. Street jokes that she had “high ambitions for herself in those days.” She eventually buckled down and decided to pursue a degree in psychology and finance. Shortly after graduation, two of her friends decided that they wanted to move to New York City, and Street not being one to miss out on an adventure decided to tag along.

While in New York, Street accepted a position with the consulting firm Accenture and began working on a project in Stamford, Conn. While in Connecticut, Street ended up working with a man from the Hartford offices. The man’s name was Bruce and he eventually proposed to Street.

After a couple of years, Janet Street and Bruce Street moved to Atlanta. Janet Street had been promoted a few times at Accenture and was now a mid-level manager. Around this time the couple was also expecting their first child. Accenture’s maternity leave policy at the time stated that a mother could stay at home for the first few months of a child’s life. The policy had apparently been made before there were many women working for the company. Unfortunately for Street there were quite a few managers in her office who were pregnant at the same time. Street’s manager called her into her office one day, sat her down and said, “It’s not in my financial best interest to carry out this policy.” To which Street replied, “Ok great, whatever. What am I going to do now?” Street went on maternity leave as planned during which time she received a new boss whom she hated. Street described this man as a cheater who was on his third marriage. The new boss called her while on leave and said: “Hey, I know you’re on maternity leave but I really need you to teach this class in Chicago. You can bring the baby and

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just put her in the corner while you do it.” Street walked into the office the next day and quit.

She says that Accenture must have realized that they had legally “screwed up” because they kept paying her for months.

Shortly after the Accenture debacle, Street was in a bookstore with baby Coco in tow and was reading through a book of the “100 Best Companies to Work for If You Are a Mom”. She recalls opening the book to the first page and there listed as number one is Accenture for the very policy that they had refused to honor. She threw the book across the bookstore and decided to go back to school and get her master’s degree.

Street went back to school and received her master’s in guidance and counseling. For a while she taught parenting classes at The Lovett School but what she really wanted was a part-time job at a Buckhead private school. She quickly realized how unrealistic that was and began thinking of alternatives. Around this time, Street’s daughter, Coco, was diagnosed with dyslexia and was accepted to The Schenck School. Street learned that a mother of a child in Coco’s class at Schenck was taking a Road Runners class through the school. Road Runners is an in-house, two year Orton-Gillingham approach based class that teaches people how to teach children with dyslexia. Street decided that might be something that she wanted to do, and she too enrolled in the course. Immediately following her training, a teacher at the school happened to quit. The Schenck School offered the newly opened position to Street and she accepted. All of a sudden, Janet Street was a teacher at The Schenck School.

Street enjoys teaching much more than the corporate world. She says: “How many jobs can you literally change people’s lives... You are literally changing lives every single day... It’s



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so rewarding. Corporate is not so rewarding.” She mentions her former Accenture boss by saying: “He could give a s**t about the right thing... All he cared about was making money, businesses only exist to make money, that was an ah-hah moment... It’s not all about money.”

Street cannot be defined by work alone. There are many aspects of her personal life that many people may not know about. Street is extremely passionate about politics and she will be the first to let people know. She says: “I am extremely opinionated. 99 percent of the time I have an opinion. Good, bad, or indifferent. Some people would say that’s a bad thing.” Street worries that Obama is ruining the future of young people, especially with the newest healthcare bill having been passed. She says: “I don’t hate Obama by any means. I’m sure he’s a lovely person. He is ruining your future. You are going to be paying for all of this extravagance... There is no money. I don’t know how they’re going to pay for healthcare... Talk about unjust. It’s so sad what we’re doing to you guys.” Politics is only one of Street’s passions however. Her children, husband, tennis, and church are others.

Street’s hopes for the future include potentially being a principle one day. She says that she would love to have that position but would never leave The Schenck School to make it happen so “somebody’s gotta die for me to do it.” Street also says that she will not retire anytime soon. She will not be someone who stops working at 50. She says: “I’m not good at cooking, I’m not interested in gardening and I don’t do crafts... I’d be bored outta my mind.”

Street is a woman who hails from the affluent neighborhood of Buckhead, yes, but she is also a beautiful, intelligent, hardworking mother and wife. She has worked successfully in the competitive field of business consulting and transitioned smoothly into education. Her

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personality shines through and touches everything she does, and the children at The Schenck

School should consider themselves lucky to have been taught by Janet Street.