Sandcastle Homes

I started at Sandcastle Homes in June of 2002. I had just graduated from the University of Houston with my Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. Like any typical college graduate, I interviewed at many different companies but what drew me to Sandcastle and ultimately led to my decision to accept their offer was the family atmosphere of the company. I knew that I didn't want to work at a place where I would get lost, one of many faceless employees. I knew that at Sandcastle, I would have the opportunity to be a valued and important team member and I'd be able to use my knowledge and skills to contribute to the company's overall success in a very real and immediate way.

When I was hired, I was only the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 3 employees at the time. We worked out of a tiny twobedroom, 1 bath house with no central AC or heat. During the winter it would get so cold in the office that we would put space heaters under our desks to stay warm. But despite our humble office space I knew immediately that I had chosen well and the company quickly became my second family. Through the years, my Sandcastle family has been with me through many wonderful and challenging times in my life from getting married, the birth of my two children, and the unexpected death of my mother.

There have been many things that have changed at Sandcastle since its founding 25 years ago. Our company has grown to over ten employees and now we work out of a beautiful 5,000 sf office space that we built ourselves and that also houses our design center. We have made numerous technological changes over the years going from QuickBooks to a more advanced, fully integrated software system. We now communicate almost completely via email and text message and we are completely paperless. Sandcastle has fully embraced the digital world in which we live.

We have grown and changed a lot, but what hasn't changed at all is that our quality and customer service is still second to none. 25 years later we still offer a beautiful house for our customers at the best value in town. And to all of our employees, customers, trade partners, and subcontractors Sandcastle Homes is more than just a company, it is a family.