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Nestled in the warm and welcoming neighborhood of Habersham Downs, the Dal Cerro family embodies the spirit of community, hard work, and dedication to their roots. Comprising Michael, Marineli, and their three sons—Christian, Carlo, and Dominic—the family has significantly impacted Roswell since moving back to the area in 2006. Their journey is marked by shared experiences, community involvement, and a commitment to building a legacy for future generations.

Michael and Marineli's love story began in an Italian class at Georgia State University in 1993, where they were both drawn to their shared heritage. Their connection blossomed into a deep partnership that Marineli describes with warmth: "I would marry my husband over and over again!" Their best memory together is the day they brought home their

youngest son, Dominic, in a magical snowfall that felt like a blessing from above. This moment marked the beginning of their journey as a family of five.

Marineli pursued a degree in interior design and spent years designing model homes for various reputable builders before shifting her focus to family. After the birth of their first child, she took a step back from her design career. Michael earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Georgia State while working in the restaurant industry to support his education. A Roswell High School graduate, Michael is the first Dal Cerro in the US to graduate from college with a bachelor's degree.

Michael and Marineli later joined forces in the real estate industry, founding Dal Cerro Real Estate Group, LLC, which celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2025.



Their commitment to education and community extends beyond their business. Marineli has been actively involved in local PTAs, serving as committee chair and president and heading the Sally Fitzgerald Scholarships for North Fulton County high school seniors. Passionate about civic engagement, Michael has been involved in various local initiatives, including a grassroots movement to preserve Roswell's historic Masonic Lodge.

The Dal Cerro family is known for their involvement in local sports, particularly baseball. Michael has coached his two youngest sons, Carlo and Dominic, throughout their school years. Dominic currently plays travel baseball through Roswell BSBL, showcasing his left-handed hitter and outfielder skills.

Participating in numerous civic organizations and volunteer efforts outside of sports, the Dal Cerros strive to make Roswell a better place for all. From adopting Bowen Road to clean up litter to regularly volunteering at the Roswell Day of Hope, they demonstrate a commitment to giving back to their community. Michael's ambitious fundraising efforts for the Roswell High School marching band (of which he was a part during his time as a student at RHS) resulted in nearly \$50,000 being raised to purchase a custom semi-trailer for transporting instruments—a testament to his leadership and dedication.

The Dal Cerro household is lively and filled with love, thanks in part to their beloved dog, Biscuit, who they initially fostered from a local Roswell family but quickly adapted to become a forever member of the family.

The Dal Cerro sons are as dedicated to their education and careers as their parents. Christian is on the verge of graduating from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance, aiming to enter the investing world. Middle son Carlo is set to graduate from South Georgia Technical College, where he is training to become a licensed A&P mechanic specializing in aircraft maintenance. Meanwhile, youngest son Dominic maintains an impressive 4.0 GPA at Roswell High School and dreams of studying architecture or engineering at either Georgia Tech or UGA. Their commitment to education is a source of pride for Michael and Marineli, who strive to instill the value of hard work and community service in their sons.

Traveling is another cherished aspect of the Dal Cerro family's life. They frequently journey to Italy to connect with family and explore their heritage. In 2023, they brought the entire family to Tuscany, where Michael's father returned for the first time since immigrating to the United States in 1955. This trip solidified their familial bonds and gave them a deeper appreciation for their Italian roots. The family also enjoys road trips that lead them to historic sites across the country, enriching their understanding of American history and culture. Adding to their interesting family background, Marineli shares that her great uncle, Hiram Bithorn, was the first baseball player from Puerto Rico to play in Major League Baseball. This connection to sports history adds another layer of pride to the Dal Cerro family legacy.

As the Dal Cerro family continues to grow and thrive, they remain dedicated to their mission of serving the Roswell community. Their real estate group has become a top-performing team at Keller Williams, reflecting their commitment to excellence and community engagement. "We have a heart for Roswell," Marineli emphasizes,

showcasing their dedication to being kind and loving neighbors. A fun tidbit that brings laughter to their gatherings is Michael's win of free pizza for life from Nancy's Pizza, a prize he claimed through a social media contest where he showcased his creativity and humor.

The Dal Cerro family is a shining example of how community, love, and commitment can create lasting legacies. As they celebrate their journey and the upcoming anniversary of their business, they invite their neighbors to join them in building a brighter future for Roswell.

