

Moms We Love: Kelly Cooper of Kelly Cooper Designs

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In honor of Mother's Day this weekend, AZFoothills.com shares one of our favorite Valley moms each day leading up to the holiday. Today, meet US military veteran Kelly Cooper, founder of Kelly Cooper Designs who has just launched first children's clothing line and online store, [Tomato Superstar](#).



Children's name(s) and age(s): Hannah, 8; Josiah, 5

What is your biggest joy in being a mom? Biggest struggle? I love that I get the chance to raise two beautiful human beings to help make a difference in this world. I also love seeing the wonder in their eyes and their pure innocence makes me want to be the best person I can be. The biggest challenge for me is taking care of them while also allowing them to grow up and make their own mistakes. It's hard to be a mom and watch our kid experience sadness or discomfort.

What has been your proudest moment as a mother? My proudest moment as a mom is to see how much love my kids have for other people.

Looking back, what advice would you give to yourself as a new mom? I would have told myself to be less anxious and not to sweat the little things. At the end of the day, their health and happiness were the most important. It really didn't matter if the laundry and dishes were done at a certain time.

Describe your perfect day with your family. I love going on day trips with my family. Getting up early, eating breakfast and just going out and exploring the world together.

How do you like to celebrate Mother's Day? I love going out to brunch and just lounging by the pool with my family for the rest of the day.

Local favorites...

Spot to be outdoors: I love walking around Old Town Scottsdale.

Family-friendly resort: Hilton Doubletree in Paradise Valley

Annual family event: Coachella

Educational spot: Children's Museum of Phoenix