

PAIGE DAWSON

HOMETOWN Gadsden, AL

Having dined at The Fairhope Inn on a trip to Fairhope with a dear college friend years ago, its new owner, Paige Dawson, says she instantly fell in love with not just the Inn, but the city itself, ultimately leading her to move to the Bay Area. "I was so anxious to get involved with this amazing community, and in the fall of 2018, I learned the owner was interested in selling the Inn," Paige shares. "It was a huge leap of faith, but having worked for my father's construction company most of my life and having led a career of my own in property development, I was intrigued," she recalls. "I bought the Inn in February of 2019 and by July began extensive renovations, reopening in October of last year," she says. Unfortunately, after being open for only a few months, The Fairhope Inn was forced to close due to COVID-19. Today, they have to limit the number of people they can seat to accommodate social distancing but are extremely fortunate to have several dining areas as well as a courtyard to accommodate their guests. "Hopefully, the pandemic will pass, and The Fairhope Inn can return to the role it has had in this community for generations as a place to gather and celebrate," Paige says.

Philanthropically, Paige serves on the Board of the Eastern Shore Art Center and is a member of Impact 100. She is also the proud mother of three children (Olivia, Dawson, and Victoria), and cites her own parents as her role models. "My mom is the sweetest woman and is so kind to everyone," Paige shares. "My dad was so strong, and I always felt that no matter what happened in life, he would make everything okay." Paige adds she loves spending time with her friends, as many of her University of Alabama sorority sisters played significant roles in her decision to move and buy the Inn. They even led the design portion of the renovation for Paige. "Without them, life would be empty," she says. "Laughter is good for the soul!"

FAVORITE QUOTE:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou

FAVORITE PART ABOUT BAY AREA LIVING:

"I love the laid-back vibe here. It is a very accepting community."



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