

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management

Learning to Slow Down – On a Farm

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EVA GREER:

I'm Eva Greer and I live with my husband, Sid Greer in Dangerfield, Texas on a farm. We have cabins and we also an 11 acre lake where people can come and fish and swim, paddleboat and we have all different kinds of animals. We've been here for about 12 years.

SID GREER:

Most of my career was overseas. I could be traveling from 10 to 50 countries in a year's time. I had decided that I was gonna retire early or stop working early in the corporate world, I love agriculture the trick was figuring out how do you do it profitably because hobby farming won't pay the bills

EVA GREER:

I thought, well, if we retire here, you know, he will do his farming thing. What am I going to do? My real passion in life has always been cooking. So I got my certificate in culinary arts and I started doing the cooking classes. I like for people to come here and I will create a wonderful meal for them.

SUSAN HEUER:

When I first met Sid and Eva Greer their needs were setting up college funding for their children. Sid was also traveling overseas and needed a CMA account. We went on to rolling over his 401k and then starting this great adventure that he has with the farm.

SID GREER:

It was very important to work out with Susan different ways that we could look forward to the future

EVA GREER:

At first we were just spending money like crazy and it was a little bit nerve wracking.

SID GREER:

I would tell Susan okay we're borrowing "x" amount of dollars and we're going to add onto the house or we're going to build a barn, or we're going to buy a piece of land.

SUSAN HEUER:

As he progressed and wanted to purchase different things like more cattle we knew that that money was going to be available from CD's that were going to mature at a certain time.

SUSAN HEUER:

He's made his dream of owning a farm up there really come true. The farm is becoming more sustainable and generating its own income and this is what they really wanted it to do

EVA GREER:

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