

## THE WATCH LIST

# MARISSA WHITLEY TAGO

OWNER/INTERIOR DESIGNER

## GROWING UP IN SPRINGFIELD, MO, MARISSA

Whitley Tago was a shy five-year-old who began organizing for neighbors on the weekends. That hobby grew into something that was more than a job — it became a large part of who Tago is, her history and her purpose. As owner of interior design firm The Whitley Co., her greatest challenge and reward is creating spaces that truly inspire or help motivate those living within them.

“My lifelong passion has been to be of service to those around me and I found that through people’s things, magic happens,” Tago says. “Each space is different thus each one challenges me in new ways, making my passion a labor of love, truly. I love simply listening and connecting with people. From there, I am able to incorporate what I have learned about them to work and transform their space into a true reflection of their lives through their interiors. Designing is my love language and I strive to make a positive impression on people’s lives.”

Being a business owner was always a dream of Tago’s. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Interior Design degree in December of 2017, while being a stay-at-home mom of three children under the age of six.

The Whitley Co. tackles diverse projects, ranging from custom builds and remodels to property staging and organization, along with e-design packages. As she heads into her second year of business, Tago hopes to expand her firm’s reach, and assemble an amazing network of people all helping to create unique spaces that reflect the journey of each of the firm’s clients.

“From concept to completion, our only goal is to give our clients the chance to reflect on their lives,” she says, “to then guide the process to transform their space into something as unique as they are.”



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