

DEVER ARCHITECTS AND LITTLE NEST PORTRAITS – A GREAT TEAM



“Little Nest Portraits in Glen Mills, PA” Photo by Laura Novak Meyer, used with permission from Little Nest Portraits

In 2009, Laura Novak Meyer was a nationally renowned wedding and portrait photographer when she realized something was missing from the photography marketplace: quality family portraits at an affordable price.

Smartphones and personal cameras have helped to briefly capture moments, but to receive high-quality imagery, most families’ options were either mass-market photography chains that rush the experience or incredibly expensive custom photo sessions.

Seeing the need for families who wanted unique imagery and an enjoyable experience, Meyer founded Little Nest Portraits, a boutique photography studio that allows families to not only capture moments, but to create memories that they would cherish for years to come. She opened her studio in Glen Mills, PA in early 2010, with the help of local architecture firm Dever Architects.

Dever Architects had been designing interior tenant spaces for twenty years and they understood the key values that made Little Nest different: the comfortable, full sensory guest experience, the need to create outstanding photography, and the dreamy design style that would inspire and relax guests of every age. They designed an inviting space that guides guests through their Little Nest experience; from the open, welcoming reception area to various comfortable, intimate areas where things like production and photography take place. They created the contemporary and warm space that Meyer knew would set her clients at ease.

For years, Little Nest Portraits and Meyer built a strong reputation as a high-end photography studio that produced stunning photos. But Meyer wanted to do more than just provide these services – she wanted to help others who shared her drive and passion in creating these memories. And so, in 2011 they opened a studio in Wayne, PA and eventually franchised in 2014.

Today, in addition to several locations in Pennsylvania, Little Nest has franchises in New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, Colorado, and Virginia and they are continuing to grow. And as they grow, so does their need for design that showcases their key values. But with each franchisee using their own architect to design their spaces, it was becoming harder for Meyer and the founders to ensure each space was designed with those key values in place. So they turned back to Dever Architects.

Dever Architects stepped in to help the Virginia franchise, and working with both the franchise founders and the new franchisee, they designed another inviting space that would guide guests through the reception, community, dressing, and photography areas, all while in keeping with the three key values of Little Nest Portraits and pleasing both the founders and the franchisee.

And Dever Architects is now helping Little Nest Portraits launch their newest branch in Christiana, Delaware! Along with new owner, Christine Kane, Dever Architects is excited to help bring the boutique photography studio to the parents and children of the New Castle County area.

With this renewed connection, and experience working in many states, Dever Architects is proud to continue helping Little Nest Portraits as the franchise grows and creates more modern, unique, and welcoming spaces for families to create lasting memories in.



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