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Kristi Bumpas

EDMOND

Polly Sharp writes that Hot Mama Kristi Bumpas' theme song could very well be "Start Me Up" by The Rolling Stones. The Stillwater native and mother of two girls simultaneously started a family, a new business (Red Rock Consulting, LLC, Oklahoma's only woman-owned geotechnical engineering firm) and the pursuit of a master's degree in geotechnical engineering, to be awarded this month from Oklahoma State University.

In an industry overwhelmingly dominated by men, Kristi manages to balance project supervision on drilling sites with princess-themed birthday parties and make it all seem effortless. Polly adds that visitors to Kristi's Edmond-based Red Rock Consulting office might see a portable crib next to Kristi's hard hat.

The visual captures Kristi's emphasis on putting family first, although she admits that she's happy to spend time with her children instead of working. "I don't think I realized, before I had children, how attached you could become to another person," Kristi says. "When they're not

here, I'm thinking about them all the time."

As a fairly new mother (her older daughter just turned three), Kristi has experienced quite a learning curve. Everything about motherhood was new. In fact, the first diaper she ever changed was her own daughter's. "I had never really been around little kids. I'd only babysat a few times and those kids were already potty-trained," she recalls.

Fortunately for her daughters, their mom is a quick study who points to her own mother as a source of inspiration for being a good mom. "She was such a good example," Kristi says. Kristi also credits her husband, Patrick, for being a supportive husband and excellent father who has come home more than once during Mom-and-daughter dance time.

"I've taught Bailey 'the Roger Rabbit,'" Kristi says with a big smile, demonstrating the cartoon movie character's dance moves in the front lobby at her office.

One day my kids will know I was right when I told them... orange gym socks don't go with black patent flats.

MOTHERHOOD MOTTO:

Raise them to be independent, but pray they will always need you.

QUICK FACTS

Hometown: Stillwater, OK

Occupation: President,
Red Rock Consulting, LLC

Husband: Patrick Bumpas

Children: Bailey, 3
Camryn, 8 months

Nominated by co-worker
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