

## TEN THINGS I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT



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**1** Family. I am so fortunate to have the love and support of my husband, Chris, my son, Christopher, and my daughter, Stephanie.

**2** Italian Food. Homemade pasta is the best! Grilled eggplant, artichokes and provolone are some of my favorite foods.

**3** Humor. I love to be around people who make me laugh. Both my husband and children have a great sense of humor.

**4** Flowers. Growing, arranging and decorating with fresh flowers is one of my favorite pastimes. I always have fresh flowers on my desk, sometimes my own arrangements and other times from the florist. I often use fresh flowers when staging homes.

**5** Animals. Animals fascinate me. I live close to Mendon Ponds Park, so I get to watch deer, rabbits, pheasants and an occasional fox right in my own backyard. My family has two Russian Blue cats.

**6** Dreaming. I love to read and dream about traveling the world.

**7** My flat iron. I have coarse, wavy, hard-to-manage hair that is very high-maintenance. I use a CHI flat iron to tame my wild hair.

**8** My laptop: I love my Apple iBook.

**9** Coffee. It's impossible to start my day without a cup. My current favorite is Cafe Santo Domingo, produced in the Dominican Republic.

**10** Time to be alone. For me, it's sometimes as simple as a walk in the park or as indulgent as a weekend getaway at a spa. I like time on my own to reflect on life without distraction. □