



Deb Johns considers herself extremely fortunate. All her life experiences and professional talents are converging into a rich career and gratifying personal life—as the Creative Director of Bungalow, founder of “**Get Dressed**,” wardrobe and home consultant and as a community philanthropist.

The Inspiration for Bungalow

Deb’s professional and philanthropic works are all rooted in the same spirit that is at the heart of Bungalow’s message, attitude, and style. That spirit is best expressed in the life that Deb and Ben Johns created for themselves, their family, and their friends in their Georgetown home: a place that doesn’t take itself too seriously, combining old and new, with a pervasive sense of humor.

The Bungalow

Behind their historic Georgian home is a pool house—a bungalow—that offers a bit of vacation getaway in the middle of the city and serves as the perfect spot for parties, informal gatherings, and the many charitable events the Johns family hosts. From the old jukebox to the posters of towering ice cream sundaes, the mood is relaxed and fun, reminiscent of a summer beach holiday. A devotee of flea markets and quirky shops around the globe, the shelves of the bungalow are full of her many collections—over 50 different categories at last count, each one an expression of Deb’s senses of style, color, and humor.

Bungalow Creative Director

As the Creative Director of Bungalow, Deb combines her experience at Vogue as an assistant fabric and color editor, her role as a professional colorist and trend forecaster (she has served on international color boards in London and Hong Kong), and her understanding of fashion trends to create the vibrant, distinctive looks found in the Scout Collection.

For the past 25 years, Deb has traveled to Paris, Milan, and London for the major trend and fashion shows, making it her business to know the colors, styles, and designers for the upcoming season. She uses these insights as inspiration for the seasons’ Scout products.

Fashion Stylist, Get Dressed

When Deb moved to Washington, D.C., from NYC, she saw a major fashion opportunity. Deb, a former Vogue editor, understood the world of fashion and the importance it plays in women's lives. And she saw in her new community women with high-profile careers in media and politics but few fashion alternatives. And so she created Get Dressed, a business based on the assumption that most women don't have the time or opportunity to find clothes that truly work for them.

Deb begins her work with any woman on her extensive list of private clients by first understanding her wardrobe needs based on the life she leads. The two examine her closet: what works and what doesn't? Once the wardrobe has been thoughtfully reviewed, Deb identifies the missing pieces and helps each woman find those essential articles.

Deb's experiences, understanding, and accessibility have brought her a wide range of devoted clients—from Washington socialites to New York and Paris professionals to everyday moms. For each one of them, she takes pride in helping them find a little peace of mind and pleasure from what they wear.

Community Philanthropist

Deb's brand of philanthropy has nothing to do with big boards, fancy dinners or lots of committees. Instead, Deb focuses on the issues she cares most about and directs her energy (a lot of it) into grassroots initiatives that bring together members of the Washington, D.C., community to share valuable resources.

Santa's Helpers is an annual event that Deb began during her time in the NYC fashion world and continues to this day. Deb engages networks of volunteers in schools around the community to fulfill hundreds of letters each year answering letters from local families to help bring special Christmas gifts—or, in some cases, bare essentials—to their children.

Deb and Ben started **Go Bo Go** six years ago, when her son, Bo, was diagnosed with cancer. After seeing some families struggle to meet their basic financial needs in the face of high medical bills, she and a group of families in Georgetown created a fund, which gives grants to families of children with cancer so that their unexpected medical expenses don't mean they can't pay for food, rent, and other essentials.

The **Go Bo Go** fund raises its grant money from an annual theme party at the Johns' home. The fund's parties are themselves another reflection of the Bungalow philosophy. No fancy food, no black tie; instead, a theme—like "Green Acres," or "Gilligan's Island," or "Beach Blanket Bingo/Under the Boardwalk" - and people dancing in silly costumes to fabulous bands. Each one brings people in their community together for a fun night where they can let loose and do some good under a big tent in the Johns' backyard.