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What's the best part of working at Engle Martin & Associates from your perspective?

- The best part of working at Engle Martin & Associates is the culture of care and compassion, not just among employees, but also with customers and business partners. I am grateful to be part of an awesome team. Each day I am surrounded by passionate, positive, and enthusiastic people. From the moment I started working here, everyone has been very kind and supportive. The dedication to one another is evident. It is a blessing to work with such wonderful people and for a company that treats its employees like family.

What was your reaction when you learned you were nominated for, and won, this award?

- When I was first chosen for this award, I was in a state of shock and disbelief. It took me a minute to realize that I was nominated for the award. Once I got past my shocked state, I was overwhelmed and humbled by the kind and the sweet things everyone said. This is one of the most significant events of my professional career, and I am honored and grateful to receive it. I am part of an amazing team that thrives on collaboration, camaraderie and collective hard work, and I accepted this award on the behalf of all of us. It is their unprecedented support and encouragement that calls for this outstanding award.

Tell us about the charity you've chosen to receive \$500.00 ... Why is it special to you?

- I have chosen to split it between two charities: The ALS Association and Boston's Children's Hospital. My paternal uncle was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's) and, within nine months, lost his battle to it. He was the rockstar of our family, a loving father, a dedicated husband, gifted craftsman, and college professor, who was always full of love, life, and dreams. I cannot imagine a better use of my donation than to an organization that raises awareness and finds treatments for ALS, while helping patients and their families manage the impact of the disease. Boston's Children Hospital is another organization very close to my heart. My friend's daughter has an auto-immune disorder and received an exceptional level of support and care from the staff there. I would like them to continue providing comfort and support while empowering families with Auto-Immune Disease, as it affects so many children in the world.

Tell us about the gift that was chosen for you.

- I like exploring different hiking trails. It gives me a chance to reflect and recharge and relish the 'happiness effect' of being outdoors. Even my daughter loves to hike and going on hiking trips together gives us a chance to bond and create fun memories. When we are not quarantining, I also enjoy hiking with my friends. Aside from hiking, I also enjoy doing Yoga. For my gifts, I received generous gift cards to Lululemon and Dick's Sporting Goods. As much as I love Lululemon clothes and accessories, I have never shopped there before. It totally knocked me off my feet and I am looking forward to treating myself. I am amazed and grateful for the Gift-Spy committee that went great lengths to handpick these gifts for me.



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How do you think the EMpact award helps us better live the way of "Our Foundation"?

- I think the EMpact award helps us better live the way of "Our Foundation" as it accentuates the significance of camaraderie, collaboration and making a difference, all while having fun. These key values make us feel that we belong to something bigger than just ourselves. I am grateful to be part of an organization that values its employees and recognizes them for their hard work. Every day, we are encouraged to live by the basic tenets - to work hard & play hard and together; make a difference.

