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#### **WOMEN IN BUSINESS: SECRET INGREDIENT**

#### What's Your Secret Ingredient?

As a busy entrepreneur, you have a recipe for making your business stand out. You adjust it as needed — mixing it with changing client needs, stirring in shifts from the economy, sprinkling in new technologies, and folding in fresh opportunities as they arise.

But every recipe has one essential element that never changes: the **secret** ingredient that gives your business its distinct flavor and keeps it thriving. Here's your chance to share it with our readers. What is your secret ingredient, and why is it vital to your ongoing success?

Your Profile by Ellen Donker Headshot by Julia Maloof Verderosa

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## SECRET INGREDIENT Insight into Children



# Avery Swanson TOY FRIENDS

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Cooking Time: 12 Years Se

**Serves:** kids and their adults

When kids walk into our store we like to watch the expressions on their faces. It's usually a visual wow as they take in everything around them. Then they go to the items they're most interested in: they pick them up, feel them, try them out. Having seen this play out hundreds of times, we understand kid play and make sure we offer the items they like best.

# Chloe Grant GRANT SPEECH PATHOLOGY

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Cooking Time: 14 Years Serves: Children ages 3+

Parents seek my help when they have concerns about their child's speech development. Maybe their toddler is having trouble expressing themselves or can't imitate words. Perhaps their elementary-age child stutters or has difficult pronouncing specific sounds. I always try to connect with the parent on a human level to gain their trust as I diagnose and treat their child. Demonstrating compassion shows them that I care.

## SECRET INGREDIENT Compassion



#### SECRET INGREDIENT **Problem solving**



## Annie Perez AP ACCOUNTING

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Cooking Time: 7 Years Serves: Individuals and businesses

I've always excelled in math and organization, but what most intrigues me is the inner workings of a company. I like interpreting financial data, extracting relevant information and identifying trends in order to effectively analyze a company. This entails a lot of problem solving. The best part is translating complex data into relevant information that enables the business leader to take actionable steps to improve company performance.

#### SECRET INGREDIENT **Responsiveness**

#### Laurel Sargent SOMA REAL ESTATE

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Cooking Time: 9 Years Serves: Individuals and businesses

When I work with clients, I quickly learn what their needs are and then move into action. Since situations and opportunities can change on a dime, I'm always responsive. The process can be emotional so I do my best to replace the anxiety with confidence, that given my knowledge of the market and their situation, everything will work out in the best possible way.



#### SECRET INGREDIENT Great Listener



#### Sophia Huntley EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

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Cooking Time: 16 Years

As a professional organizer, I naturally gravitate towards keeping things neat and tidy. While I bring that skill to my clients, much of this business is about listening well with no judgment. My clients are often anxious or overwhelmed by their clutter so I try to be that calm voice that works with them to devise and work on solutions that they can maintain. They get a sense of ownership of the process and control where they once felt anxiety.

**Serves:** Adults

# Janine Cole THE MAT

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Cooking Time: 6 Years

At The Mat, we accommodate whoever walks in the door, making sure they feel welcome. All of our instructors have a strong understanding of yoga and can support students at different levels. This adaptability is critical so that participants feel like they are met with the instruction they need and the chance to learn lessons that translate to the real world.

#### SECRET INGREDIENT Adaptability

Serves: Adults





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