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Tawana Edwards Maggard was born in Louisville but spent most of her childhood in California and Florida. Returning to Louisville in her mid-teens, she followed her Kentucky roots and her horse trainer father's lifelong love of horses — and now has four of her own.

Along with her horses, four dogs and two cats, she lives on a "farmette" just outside Louisville with her husband, Jeff. She is co-chief executive/ chief fiduciary officer at the Glenview Trust Co., a locally owned trust and investment firm. In her job, she gets the opportunity to help enrich people's lives — and here reflects on the life lessons that have enriched hers:



► Although I work in a business that is deeply entrenched in planning and stability, one of the best lessons I've learned from my career is to "seize the day" and be open to new ideas or opportunities, and take risks. When I was offered the position at Glenview Trust, I followed my instincts because it felt right and I knew it was a dream opportunity. It was, and it still is.

► About 18 years ago when I was diagnosed with cancer and headed to a lengthy hospital stay in the bone marrow unit, a friend told me she was jealous of me. I was baffled by this comment for several weeks into my initial round of treatment, then eventually realized why she was jealous.

► Cancer afforded me the time and opportunity to truly grasp the importance and value of life and how to appreciate it. That experience enriched me in so many ways. To this day I consider cancer to be a gift that taught me more lessons about life than anything else. Sometimes the scariest moments in life offer us the greatest lessons.

► Because life is busy and chaotic, I have learned that we each need something that brings us balance and comfort. That's what my horses do for me. Whether I am grooming them or cleaning stalls, I am at peace and achieve a balance that benefits me in every aspect of my life. There was a brief time in my life when I did not have horses and was rarely around them. It was during that period that I became ill.

► Sometimes life lessons and business lessons are one in the same. Through my personal life and through work, I have learned that if you treat people well, with respect and dignity (in business they call it great customer service), then positive things will follow.

► I discovered that some of the greatest gifts in life come from the most unexpected places. When I rescued a retired racehorse and rehabilitated him, I kept him and named him Goodman. I had joked for years that at the time I was looking for a "good man." And now I'm so lucky to have two in my life.

— Ken Neuhauser, *The Courier-Journal*