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Trisha Wilson is the subject of this blog post. If you do not know, Trisha is founder and CEO of Wilson & Associates, one of the leading interior architectural firms with a specialty in luxury hotel properties. Many industries value her work and count her among their top clients on a world-wide scale. Many companies work closely with her firm on far-flung hotel and resort projects, our firm among them. Often, Wilson is a client's largest client in a given year. However, Trisha herself is much more than that.

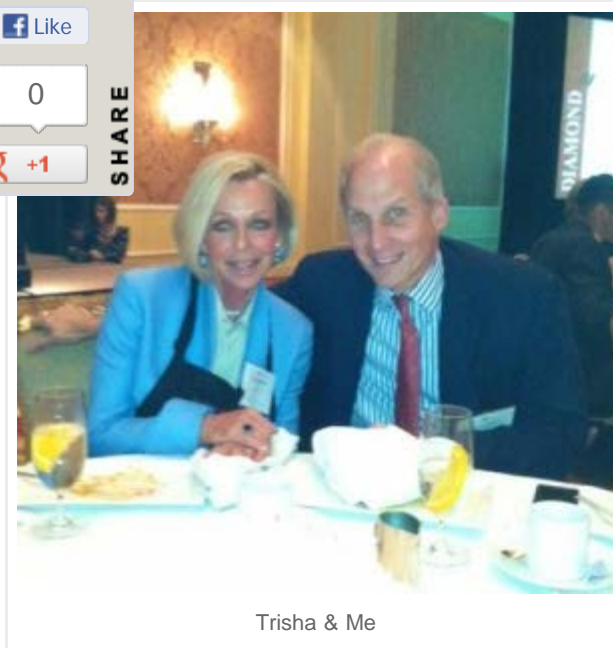
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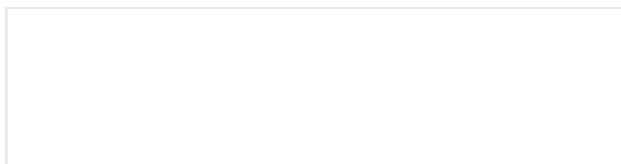
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Trisha & Me

Last week, I attended The Wilson Foundation luncheon in Dallas for the umpteenth time. Some attendees go to pay homage to this incredible lady and even more incredible design firm. Many attendees "work the room" since all the Wilson designers are there. When dessert is served, Wilson employees serve their suppliers, a symbolic reversal of roles as a token of appreciation. Awards are given and all of the proceeds benefit children in Africa.





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More importantly- much more importantly, Trisha herself attends, and updates the audience on the uplifting and at times heartbreaking work that her foundation is doing in Africa; work that is in part paid for by these luncheons. She and her firm are saving lives, preventing illness, and providing education for truly disadvantaged Africans afflicted with HIV and related illnesses. To quote **The Wilson Foundation** website:

*"The Wilson Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization, was established by Trisha Wilson in 1997 to address the needs of disadvantaged and underserved children. Most of our work is focused in Limpopo Province, South Africa, an area devastated by extreme poverty, unemployment, substandard education, and an HIV/AIDS pandemic that has left a staggering number of orphans and other vulnerable children in its wake."*



I have followed the progress of this work almost since its inception. Our companies Bergamo and Donghia have been regular participants and donors come rain or shine. We are two of many such participants.

This year, my luncheon partner was none other than Trisha Wilson herself. What is refreshing is that she is a regular, nice person. Every time we meet, business is discussed, but so are more familiar topics of a personal nature. I only say this because she has every right to be so very proud of her work and that of her Foundation. She, and the Foundation, really makes a difference in this world, yet she exemplifies quiet humility and grace as she joins me for lunch. That perhaps, is the hallmark of a truly great person. In her quiet humility she is a noble passionate spirit who is making this world a better place by taking action, one child at a time. I am glad to know her.

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