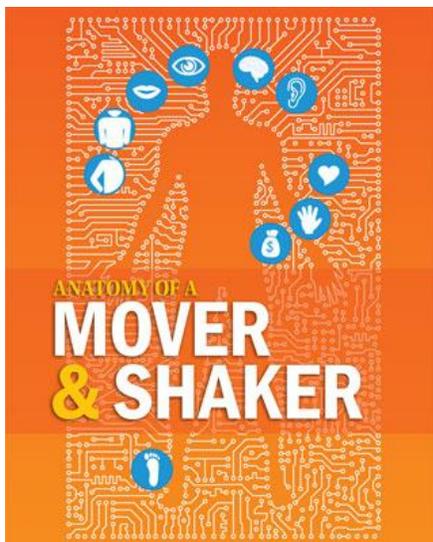


Movers & Shakers 2010: Anatomy of a Mover & Shaker

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Not all movers and shakers are created equally. Some, for instance, donate money to help overcome the challenges our communities face; others have worked quietly behind the scenes for decades, hoping to effect positive change by being good role models; others are great servant-leaders with huge hearts who always put their fellow man first.

For this 2010 edition of Movers & Shakers, we define individual characteristics and match them with people who personify those traits.



Meet the people in our region who exemplify those characteristics:

EYES - Robert Dolan

MIND - Jane Conover

EARS - Demi Fair

VOICE - Larry Bashore

SHOULDERS - **Ann B. Barshinger**=

HEART - **Edward and Jeanne Donlevy Arnold**

ARMS - **Tania and Abeer Srouji**

HANDS - **Dana Klinepeter**

PHILANTHROPY – **Benjamin Olewine III**

FEET - **Christian and Gladdie McMurtrie**

Movers & Shakers 2010: ARMS — Tania and Abeer Srouji

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Tania and Abeer Srouji could be two of the busiest young women in Central Pennsylvania.

The sisters, co-owners of **Eye Candy**, a 2-year-old jewelry, handbag and accessories shop near Mechanicsburg, are up-and-coming movers and shakers. Abeer, 34, is assistant vice president and senior store manager for **Metro Bank**. Tania, 35, runs Eye Candy's location on Trindle Road shared with **Pink Hands of Hope Inc.**, a nonprofit thrift store that helps cancer patients and their families.

They are tireless arms in the community, devoted to the heavy lifting that keeps programs running, including volunteerism with the **Harrisburg Diocese Council of Catholic Women**, **American Heart Association**, **Go Red for Woman** and **Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties**.



Sisters Tania, right, and Abeer Srouji co-own Eye Candy, a 2-year-old jewelry, handbag and accessories shop near Mechanicsburg. They share the location with Pink Hands of Hope Inc., a nonprofit thrift store that helps cancer patients and their families. Photo/Amy Spangler

What drives you to be involved with so many different groups and events?

Tania: Our parents are the driving force behind our passion for community involvement, especially involvement in charity organizations. They have taught us to always give and give from the heart, and they led by example. Our parents owned a restaurant in Harrisburg for many years and would give from our business to nonprofits who needed food. They also helped many people who were down and out, whether it was food, clothing or shelter.

You have helped cancer, health and women's groups with much of your time, energy and money. Why those groups?

Abeer: We have been so fortunate to be able to give to many different charities. We do have those that are very special to us. American Heart Association for one. Our father passed away from heart disease over eight years ago, but we have been fundraising for them for over 10 years. Also Domestic Violence; we don't believe anyone should have the right to (act) in that manner, and we try to do our part by raising awareness and money. The American Business Women Association raises money for scholarships for young women. It is important as women and as business owners to contribute to the education of our future. Finally, cancer is a horrible disease that has claimed the lives of so many people, and we hope that our small contribution can help in some way.

What is the most overlooked community need in Central Pennsylvania, and how can people help?

Tania: We think the most overlooked community need is simple: It's the need to show someone that you care and show them compassion. It can be as simple as saying thank you to them or lending a helping hand or a listening ear. It's the basic human need of love.

Over the years, what have you taken away personally from your involvement in community and charity organizations?

Abeer: No matter what life brings at me and how bad I think I have it, it reminds me to take a look around, that there are others who have it worse. Difficulties are opportunities to better things. I am blessed to have a wonderful family, an amazing group of friends and a job I am passionate about. Someone once said: "It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart."

Tania: In 2002, I lost my job and my father all within three weeks. I was feeling sorry for myself, and I started volunteering at night with the homeless shelter. A homeless gentleman asked me to wake him up one very bitter-cold winter morning at 4 a.m. so he could walk to his work, which was about six miles away. He earned minimum wage and had gotten laid off a year ago and lost his home. He still went to work but had to stay at the shelter till he could save enough money to get an apartment again. That really changed me. It showed me how lucky and blessed I am.

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