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MELLENCAMP SISTERS
LOVE HILTON HEAD'S
'SMALL-TOWN FEEL'

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They weren't raised in a little pink house, but the daughters of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member John Mellencamp know the joys of growing up in close-knit, idyllic small town, courtesy of Hilton Head Island.

Teddi Mellencamp Arroyave, 37, and her sister Justice Mellencamp, 32, moved to the island in 1989. They tell the same stories about growing up in the Lowcountry: constant crowds of kids at their mother's house, swimming at the Sea Pines Beach Club, playing volleyball at Coligny Beach and, most of all, that small-town feel.

"There's just a sense of comfort on Hilton Head," says Justice, who has worked for 12 years at Platinum Design, where she's become one of the island's best-known stylists. "You can run into someone you've known for 20 years at your favorite Mexican restaurant, and you know everything that's going on in their lives. It's just so familiar."

Though she's been living in Los Angeles — where she joined the cast of Bravo's "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" in 2017 — since she was 17, Teddi agrees.

"We rode bikes everywhere. I rode horses at Lawton Stables in Sea Pines and Rose Hill off-island," she says. "I still crave my favorite restaurants — San Miguel's, Truffles, Giuseppe's. When I think about it, it's still home."

The sisters came to Hilton Head, where their parents owned a home, from Indiana after their father and mother, Victoria Granucci, divorced. Justice attended Sea Pines Montessori before attending Hilton Head Preparatory School, where Teddi started in third grade, and from which both graduated.

In school, Teddi was one of the state's top hunter-jumper competitors, becoming a world champion in her class. Justice gravitated toward art and gymnastics.



Left: Justice Mellencamp
Right: Teddi Mellencamp Arroyave