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## LIVING & ARTS

### What is it like to live in Atlanta at your age? Metro area residents answer the question.

CHRISTA HUFFSTICKLER, 36



Christa Huffstickler and her family live at Loews in Midtown. At 36, Huffstickler says she has never given high-rise living a second thought. It's a lifestyle that gives her and her husband more time to spend with their three children.

**VP of Atlanta Fine Homes  
Sotheby  
Lives in high-rise condo above  
hotel, Midtown  
22 years in metro Atlanta**

I was a military kid and ended up in Atlanta when I started high school in the suburbs. We had a yard, but we got in our car to do everything. As an adult there was something about the energy of being in a city center that was very appealing to me, and I didn't think that was something we should sacrifice because we decided to have a family.

We started in a condo before we had kids (6-year-old daughter, 18-month-old twin girls).

We really loved the lifestyle associated with that, being able to walk to stuff. We have almost non-existent commutes. I have lived in Loews Atlanta Hotel for four years.

This building is special. Living above the hotel is a cool feature. Any amenity that is available to a hotel guest is available to us. Life is getting busier, and we are getting more successful in our careers and the one thing we can't get more of is time. Living in a place like this gives us time.

People say kids want a backyard. I promise you, my backyard (Piedmont Park) will blow yours away. That is the big draw of living in Midtown versus

other neighborhoods — going to the park and hitting the Beltline. My 6-year-old thinks it is perfectly normal that she gets into an elevator every day. When other kids draw pictures of their houses, she draws a picture of a high-rise.

The only thing for me that would make this better would be if there were more people with families and kids living in my neighborhood. We have to make more of an effort to go into those environments.

We don't know what the next chapter in life may or may not bring, but we are happy we are able to live this life that we are living.

