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Fifty-Six Union

The Jannelle Family



Peter, Wendy, Elvis standing in for son Blair, Andrew.

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Andrew and Blair Jannelle grew up in the restaurant business, and now they've joined it, helping out their parents Peter and Wendy at Fifty-Six Union this summer.

Andrew will join Peter in the kitchen as a sous chef, while Blair will work the front of the house with Wendy as her dining-room assistant, managing reservations and assisting with wine service.

Wendy is happy – and proud – to be

working with her sons.

"Working with family is better because they have the same passion that you do. It's not just a job. There's a connection, a physical, mental, emotional connection, good or bad, to the restaurant. It's all we know, and hence, they've seen us do it since they were little, they grew up in it. They both took to it really well."

Andrew has been working at Fifty-Six

since he was 12.

"We have pictures of him at 15 making crème brûlée. He really took to the back of the house. It seems to be an innate thing," Wendy said.

Blair, on the other hand, prefers the front of the house.

"He knows the customers, our regulars, the layout. It's a lot easier than training somebody new," she said.