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Sheila Long: Hello everybody, welcome to the Head of the Table podcast. My name is Sheila Long and I will be your host for today's show. Hello everybody, welcome to the Head of the Table podcast. My name is Sheila Long. I'm the host and I am also the owner of the MalamaDoe. It's a co-working community for women. So everybody always asks me what is MalamaDoe, where did you come up with that name, how do you pronounce it.

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It actually is a take on the Milwaukee bucks. So Doe is the women of Wisconsin and Malama, I actually entered a naming contest, Squadhelp, which is a wonderful resource online if you can't name your company because I know that's always so hard. And I put great female role models in there, so it's a play on Malala and then somebody from - who speaks Hausa in Northern Nigeria, he said, "We should use the word Malama", which is just revered female leader who is a teacher.

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So that kind of brings us to today, we will be talking to a teacher. I Googled it. I said what does Malama mean and then in Hawaiian where I've never even been to Hawaii, but it is to be kind and to treat others with respect in business and that's what we're about, women being kind and treating other women with respect and being leader and really like leading.

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So today what we're doing with Head of the Table is we're showcasing great women leaders. So at MalamaDoe, we do provide a safe environment providing collaborations for businesses to grow, expand and prosper. Our end goal is to have women thrive in business. So we do specialize in entrepreneurship because that's where we really just see women's careers as leaders really skyrocket. So today, we're inviting all of our members in one by one in this podcast series to share their stories.

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So joining me today, we have our guest here, Christine Clark. She is the owner of Olive.You.Nanny. So welcome Christine.

Christine Clark: Hi, thanks for having me.

Sheila Long: Absolutely, thanks for joining us. So Christine, let's hear about your role as a teacher and tell us a little bit more about what you do with your business Olive.You.Nanny Milwaukee.

Christine Clark: Sure. Well, I have been teaching in the Milwaukee area for little over ten years. I actually just decided to resign from teaching to focus fulltime on my business.

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Sheila Long: Congratulations.

Christine Clark: Thank you.

Sheila Long: So exciting.

Christine Clark: Thank you. While I was teaching for the past ten years and throughout college, I myself was a nanny in the Milwaukee area, just was working a lot of long hours and decided that I really wanted to turn nannying into more of a career along with my skills as a teacher and so the idea of starting a nanny agency here in Milwaukee was kind of presented to me and I took it and ran with it about six years and half years ago.

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I started Olive.You.Nanny as an independent contractor of a Chicago based nanny agency, Olive.You.Nanny Chicago. I've basically built the business from the ground up here for the past six and half years. About two and half years ago, I did buy out the Olive.You.Nanny Milwaukee market.

Sheila Long: That's so cool.

Christine Clark: Thank you.

Sheila Long: Wow, what a great story.

Christine Clark: Definitely and now so I'm currently the owner of Olive.You.Nanny Milwaukee and have just been building it while teaching at the same time.

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Sheila Long: No way, really?

Christine Clark: Yes, it has been a lot of hard work but the hard work has paid off as now I'm able to do it fulltime.

Sheila Long: Okay, wow, congratulations.

Christine Clark: Thank you.

Sheila Long: That is really cool. It's so great to hear how you started off just being a nanny and then you really wanted to make it a career for many people. And you're able to do that. So congrats.

Christine Clark: Thank you.

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Sheila Long: Speaking of being a leader in your field, what does that mean for you to be the head of the table in your own words? Sounds like you did that by like creating the business model and buying out the Milwaukee branch, that's pretty cool.

Christine Clark: Definitely, I think being head of the table and being a leader in my field both in teaching and nannying while owning a business really to me it means working so hard to follow my dreams and really be able to live my life the way I've always seen it as an entrepreneur just always setting example of integrity, honesty, really being a solid part of our community that I live in and work in.

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Sheila Long: Like being - like integrity and the honesty that's just really what you want to hear from somebody who is going to be placing someone in your house to care for your small children.

Christine Clark: Definitely.

Sheila Long: Alright, so since that's really important to you, like who would you view as a leader since our podcast is about head of the table like who has impacted your life as a role model or influencer?

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Christine Clark: Definitely. Well I grew up with a single mom who worked extremely hard to raise three girls on her own.

Sheila Long: Wow.

Christine Clark: And she just has been the most amazing role model and example of a hard working strong woman and then also another really close family friend, another single woman, single mom growing up who started childcare center

that I attended as a child out of her home who eventually built her own childcare center in the Madison area --

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Sheila Long: Wow.

Christine Clark: -- that still today is running and she is super involved in the community as a business leader. And so having those two really strong women in my life, I think, had a huge impact on what I'm doing today.

Sheila Long: That is really wonderful. Congratulations. Just to have - forge those relationships and really foster the friendships and help them be able to like, as you were saying, fulfill dreams and everything. Congrats. That's really neat. So what would you say are your greatest accomplishments? I know that you've had so many that you mentioned but any personal or professional?

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Christine Clark: Sure. I think for me setting a goal to start this business while teaching fulltime which was a huge undertaking. I've really stretched myself then and all of my life to make this happen so that I can run it fulltime, but to be able to do both things really really well and have been recognized for that - in my teaching field, I was named teacher of the year two years ago --

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Sheila Long: Awesome. Congrats.

Christine Clark: -- yeah, thanks -- while building my business on the side which is also a fulltime job.

Sheila Long: How do you do that?

Christine Clark: A lot of hours.

Sheila Long: Okay.

Christine Clark: Lot of - you know, giving up certain things to be successful and now it's come to the point where the business is doing so well that I can pursue another passion of mine which is running a business fulltime.

Sheila Long: Alright, well, great. Congratulations and what an honor to get the teacher of the year.

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Christine Clark: Thank you.

Sheila Long: Who voted on that?

Christine Clark: It was my administration and colleagues.

Sheila Long: Alright, wow. Congratulations.

Christine Clark: Thank you.

Sheila Long: And you're doing it. I don't know how you did it but that's just truly amazing. So thank you for being on the show, Christine. We're inspired by what you do at Olive.You.Nanny. And where can people get in touch with you on social media?

Christine Clark: Sure, so we're on Instagram at oliveyounannymke and on Facebook at oliveyounannymilwaukee.

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Sheila Long: Alright, great. And then Olive is spelled O-L-I-V-E just in case if anyone is looking it up right now. So thank you to Christine and our audience for tuning in. At MalamaDoe, we want everyone to be the head of their own table, in charge of their work and their destiny. So you can look us up at [malamadoe.com](http://malamadoe.com) and we're also on Instagram and Facebook and Twitter. Tune in next time. We will have another interesting interview with more dynamite women from our community.

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We're really motivated to help create a better future by helping women build their courage, capacity and wisdom. So we really encourage women to choose leadership. So thank you.

Christine Clark: Thanks Sheila.

Sheila Long: Thanks to everybody for listening to the head of the table podcast. Please feel free to look for us wherever you find your podcast and let your friends know as well. Thanks everyone.