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"I'm hoping to add some more furniture" in the lush backyard, Jenn shares.

DR. JENN MANN

A Peaceful **Beverly Hills** *Retreat*

The Family Therapy host's home is as comforting as she is By GREGG GOLDSTEIN

Leave it to TV psychologist Dr. Jenn Mann to find the deeper meaning in her search for a new home!

After she became "obsessed" with one home ("I was kind of a house stalker!" she quips) and the deal fell through, she ended up finding her dream abode in Beverly Hills 15 years ago. "When I walked in here for the first time, I thought, This is it! It just felt like home," Jenn, 46,

reveals to *Closer*. "Sometimes we get attached to something that isn't right for us, and often when we don't get what we want, it's a blessing. Those became bigger life lessons for me."

It doesn't take a psychological breakthrough to appreciate the gorgeous Spanish-Mediterranean home she shares with her twin daughters from her first marriage, Quincy and Mendez, 10, along with her partner of three years, web





On VH1's *Family Therapy With Dr. Jenn* in 2016, and her new book *The Relationship Fix*



Jenn loves the sound of the "running water from the pool and fountain. It's peaceful."

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"It's a very warm place," Dr. Jenn tells *Closer*. "We have great neighbors, too, who are dear friends."



The formal living room "doubles as our studio for TV shoots. We like to read in there."

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"We got a brand-new bed when Eric moved in," says Jenn, whose dad, Barry, took the photos above it.



"Whenever I start cooking, the girls are on hand with magazines to start fanning smoke out of the kitchen!" she jokes.

entrepreneur Eric Schiffer, 50, their dog, Sweetie, and cat, Honey.

"My friends tell me this is like being in a tiny Italian villa," says Jenn, who removed a lot of the original home's gilding in favor of neutral-color walls and artwork that Eric (a collector) brought when he moved in a year ago. "I have a big personal attachment to this place, as my girls grew up here and my mom helped me decorate. Maybe that's why a lot of friends say this is like a 'country home' version of my parents' mansion!"

Those parents are the famed songwriting team Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, who penned such classics as "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling" and "Here You Come Again." They were also a key reason Jenn chose this five-bedroom home. "I wanted to be near them," she explains. "When the girls were born, they had severe colic and reflux — I couldn't have handled that first year without them. My mom even helped me decorate the nursery — she made a plaque that said 'Crazy Mom Designs!'"



Jenn loves the home's unique touches, like this fountain near the front entryway.

"This is usually the business meeting space, and where the girls will do their homework," Jenn reveals.

"Here I'm Mommy, not Dr. Jenn. This home is about family."

— Jenn (with Eric)



Keeping a guest room open for them is one reason the house — a relatively roomy 2,940 square feet — has "gotten a little small for us as the girls have gotten older," Jenn says. The other four are used as a TV/family room/Eric's office, one as Jenn's office, one as their bedroom and one as the girls' bedroom. But "it's the house of bathrooms," Jen jokes of her six loos. "If you need to pee, it's the place to be!"

And the ivy, colorful tiles and detail work that cover its two stories (including a top floor that was added to the 80-year-old home in the 1980s) transport you to another place entirely. "Here you can see the leaves change color in the fall and drop off in the winter," she notes. "It's an LA home where you don't feel like you're in LA."

She penned her new book, *The Relationship Fix*, in the home, and it's a place to find some comfort after days spent comforting others at her private practice. "Coming back to a peaceful home that makes me happy," she shares, "is a great blessing."

— Reporting by Steve Gidlow

THE DOCTOR IS IN!



Lionel Richie

"After my mom wrote 'Running With the Night' with him, she bought a Mercedes and named it Lionel!"

Carole King

"Carole is like a family member to me. She's had many amazing homes in Idaho, but my least favorite was the one with the outhouse!"



Quincy Jones

"He is a dear friend of the family. My daughter Quincy is named after him. I remember being in the studio when he produced my parents' song 'Just Once' for his [1981] album *The Dude*."



Taylor Swift

"At a BMI dinner this year, she told me she's a huge fan of *Couples Therapy*. When she accepted her award, she said our family is her #RelationshipGoal!"



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