

Client Testimonials

Yes...I do realize that it is not customary to attach 9 pages of testimonials to one's website.

But they make me happy. And you don't have to read them all!

Maybe you could just page down looking for people you know, and impressive phrases?

And...if you can't find your own testimonial here, maybe I forgot to include it.

Or, maybe you forgot to write it? It's never too late!

Our first session together gave me a vision and increased my self confidence!

-- Sarah J.

The fire was a HUGE setback for us. During the rebuilding and recovery period, we have felt constantly beat over the head with demands for our time and energy. We were feeling exhausted both physically and emotionally. We were unable to find direction toward "HOME", and after watching a few episodes of HOARDERS, we realized that we needed to make a 9-1-1 call to Organized For Life. Hazel's diagnosis that we were "Situationally Disorganized" was a Great Relief; and just like any "Dis" Ease, the right prescription gave us a roadmap to wellness. With relatively few affordable sessions, **Hazel helped us create an organized, peaceful retreat from our busy lives** of giving our full attention to others in need. We now have a system for keeping countertops and floors clutter-free, our artwork is up on the walls, and we have a vision for our new home. We believe that, with all the fires in the area this summer, there will be more people who may be feeling "situationally disorganized". It is our hope that by sharing our story, others can find their way home too. THANK YOU, Hazel.

P.S. I just remembered. **Because of your newsletter, important documents were properly stored.** Copies made and stored off site... that kind of stuff. If you think it might add to the importance of organizing for life, feel free to write about the fact that you saved us from some misery.

-- Debora Sponsel-Jolley, Holland's Rose medical hospitality house

I just want to express how much I appreciate Hazel's help in revisualizing, rearranging, and organizing my small apartment to accommodate a new roommate. **It actually looks and feels like I have MORE room, rather than less.** She is a WHIZ!

-- George Ann Hankins

Hazel is a godsend! For once I was eager for the first day of school instead of dreading it. **When I look around my classroom, I feel as if I have lost 20 pounds!** I feel so much calmer now and I'm no longer embarrassed to have parents visit my classroom. The kids love helping me tidy up each day, and it only takes a few minutes because everything has a clearly labeled "home". I can find everything quickly in my organized cupboards and so can the other teachers who need to. I can relax and focus on teaching knowing I have systems in place for getting things done. Thank you Hazel!

-- Margaret R., 2nd Grade Teacher

Dear Hazel, What a jewel you are!!!...I like working with you. You are patient, understanding, and so gifted, and especially someone I can confide in and be myself. You have my permission to do with (the photos) whatever you'd like to do. I am so proud (the grateful kind of pride) for the changes and the difference it has made in my life. Use my name as you wish. **There's nothing to hide anymore!** Your happy client, Nancy Maschhoff

I hired Hazel last week to help me get my home office organized/cleaned once & for all...**best decision I ever made!** I had a party at my house on Sat. & didn't have to leave the door closed out of embarrassment. Thank you Hazel!

-- Kristle Kugler

Hazel, I can't believe I'm not forgetting things anymore! **My brain isn't scrambled and anxious anymore**, trying to find lost items and notes, and that feels sooo good. I have lots of projects yet to work on, but I know what to do now. **It really is fun to be organized, isn't it?!** And I know I can always call you if I need help. Thank you so much!"
-- Nancy M.

On a volunteer basis, Hazel Thornton, of Organized For Life, spoke to a group of cancer survivors about ways to conserve their energy as they underwent treatment as well as ways to simplify their lives as they recovered from treatment. It was obvious that she had done a considerable amount of research as she detailed numerous types of websites with valuable support. She offered follow-up e-mails to the group members to answer additional questions and offer further organizational tips. **All of Hazel's information was delivered with compassion, gentleness and a caring spirit.**
-- Carol Jordan, MSW, LISW, Oncology Social Worker, NM Cancer Center

Hazel is the most incredible organizer I've ever met! I've recommended her to my clients and she helps each one in a unique way. I've always considered myself an organized person but the last few years have been a whirlwind and I needed help to catch up. Hazel came into my office, viewed the items I had, helped me organize them, and created a much more welcoming and put-together space. She recommended other items to purchase as I had time. **Now my clients feel comfortable and my office portrays an organized professional space.** Thanks Hazel!
-- Cathie Tardy, CPA & Business Consultant

It has been ages since I had you come help me with my garage and my "inherited" mess. You told me at the time to get rid of one of my pianos and I just insisted on hanging onto the past. Well, **I got inspired (with your help and that of flylady.com) and actually gave a piano to a fellow MOMS club member, whose family will be truly blessed by my gift** and it will no longer be collecting dust and it will be loved by it's new family. It was a difficult thing to do, but I feel good about it.
-- Tiffani L., Mother of Two

Hi Hazel -- **I love your newsletter!** I hardly ever read anybody's, but I do read yours.
-- Salley Trefethen, First & Central Coaching

The family room stole the show - the kitchen and dining room shelves were fabulous. The master (bedroom) was utterly gorgeous. Several agents took your cards, I told them how nice the home looked prior to your help yesterday, but they all agreed it shows like a model now! Thank you so much. I did another listing appointment for a 3500 square foot remodel today - it looks good, but I think with your magic....
-- Sherry D'Amato, Signature Southwest Properties

I have worked with Hazel on "time management"; her services have been invaluable as **I've made big strides in balancing my life with the things that are important to me:** myself, my family and my business. Not only is she personable and an expert in her field of organizing, **the results for me have been fantastic.** I would recommend Hazel to help with any number of things around organizing whether you need help personally or professionally or both!
-- Val Romero, Advanced Legal Solutions

I just want to thank you so much for all your help with re-designing my living room. Looking at the before and after photos I realize how cluttered it really was, and how much more comfortable it is now. **Now when I walk into the house it just feels awesome!** I am so pleased. It really makes it seem more like *my* home.
-- Ginnie Henderson, Massage Therapist

Hazel has given me great Time Management tools that are practical and easy to use for staying on top of things. **She is a wonderful listener** and is able to quickly zero in on your specific needs, instead of a one for all approach. I highly recommend Hazel to anyone who has big or small organization/time management issues.
-- Nina Forrest, Jewelry Designer

Hazel helped me get started on my organizing projects and keep me motivated. Although I could have found ideas in books, Hazel's ideas and suggestions were customized for my stuff and my space and were inexpensive to implement. **My energy level has increased as the clutter has disappeared and now I don't panic when somebody's coming over.**

Thanks Hazel!

-- Maureen J.

I did take your advice and use Sundays just for planning and I have to say that I LOVE it!!! **Honestly it is one of the most liberating and exciting shifts in my life**, I don't get nearly as distracted when an idea pops into my head (like "OH! I have to call so and so, or I really should take the dry cleaning in") b/c I know there is allotted time in my week when I will get to everything... **I just had to tell you how amazing you are and how much you've changed my life!**

-- Keri Jenkins, Personal Trainer

I love receiving your newsletter -- one of the very few I subscribe to. I'm actually organized now! I...have a calendar that really works for me -- finally, after years of calendars being my Achilles heel...I haven't missed an appointment or a call back yet...**I'm using the tools you taught me** like sorting and purging all the time, and while I'm not all the way out from under papers, **the load has been lightened tremendously!**

-- Mandira Feldvebel, Crystal Realm jewelry

I really enjoyed your talk and felt energized to create SPACE in my life once again.

-- Ardell Fitzgerald

Hi Hazel, I just wanted to **thank you for the inspiration (tip sheet) to finally organize my closet!** I took everything out and grouped like items etc. and was able to purge about 15 items. Now it feels much better-- ahhhh! It only took a couple of hours at the most.

-- Monique T.

Thank you Hazel for your wonderful support and fantastic service! **I am so happy with my new home office that I feel like doing a grand jete every time I walk into it.** And the amazing thing is that I have enough space to do it! I had known for some time that I needed to consolidate all my papers, files, supplies and product samples from the different places all over my house but it was a daunting task. **Your consultation turned my vague idea of an office to a clear list of things to do.** Your instructions were easy to follow and the office shaped up much faster than I expected.

-- Alisa Tan, Arbonne Consultant

My office is all together and organized...and it's awesome! The play room...works amazingly well, and the kids and I have really enjoyed the new set up. Thanks for an amazing plan, the great hard work getting me going, and your smiling self through it all.

-- Moss Tryer, Arbonne Area Manager

Lovely newsletter... I've been keeping the newsletters in my "Sarah" folder at work when I need a little perspective. **Somehow reading about organizing makes me feel better about the fact that there is a way! There is hope to becoming stress-free!**

-- Sarah Means

Ms. Thornton's ability to visualize, organize and implement cost-effective changes are superior. **I gladly recommend Organized For Life to any business or household seeking more efficiency.**

-- Meryl Kahn, Smarter Tax Solutions

Hazel helped bring out the organized person who was hiding inside me! My mud room and garage workshop are now functional and happy spaces. With only a few more rooms to go, I feel confident enough to start some organizing on my own -- except that it's so much more fun and efficient to work *with* Hazel!

-- Catherine R.

I asked Hazel to come look at my home office, because the clutter and lack of workable space was driving me crazy... Hazel showed me how to containerize items on the shelves for both good looks and functionality... **sometimes it takes a fresh (and experienced) perspective to make improvements!** Thank you, Hazel.

-- Donna Luke, MamaBearsPlace

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-- Talia Freedman, Keller Williams Realty

I want to thank you for all the help you have given me over the last few months... everything is feeling and looking very organized in my home office... **after our sessions together I really feel like I can do it!**

-- Mimi Stewart, Educator and NM State Representative

You won't find a better resource than Hazel... she offered me a solution in minutes that keeps me at peace at my desk, and didn't mind getting into the dirty work of organizing my storage cabinets at home... she turned my granddaughters' room into a delight that they can maintain themselves (at age 4!)... and the systems she created keep organization and order where previously it was terrifying to behold.

-- Salley Trefethen, Life and Business Coach

Wow, what a difference you made in the living room! You created a room from what was a big empty space. I love it. Moving the chairs makes the great room look so much cozier. It always looked too big and sort of cold before. **I can't wait to have people over to see the changes you have made.**

-- Elizabeth Tawney Gross, Professional Organizer

Hazel showed me how to organize my refrigerator so that I can better see what I have in the way of leftovers. **I've more than paid for our session together by not wasting food, and saving money on groceries!**

-- Elissa C., Homemaker and Business Owner

I just want you to know how much I appreciate your time and expertise with my house yesterday. **It really is important to have "fresh eyes" and ideas when you live in the space.** I think you did an outstanding job staging the living and dining rooms. They look so much larger and function beautifully. I know I would not have thought of the couch placement and I love it!

-- Leigh Ann Hensel, Professional Organizer

Our new closet system is so much better, more storage and easy to find things. **I love the way the differences between my organizing style and my husband's were incorporated into the design.** I highly recommend Hazel, she is a pleasure to work with!

-- Sheryl Brown, CPA, Taking Care of Business

Signing up to work with Hazel and **getting "Organized for Life" is quite simply one of the very wisest decisions I've ever made.** In addition to clearing out all the clutter in every square inch of our home, Hazel's influence has encouraged me to be wiser about every purchase, to think about exactly how the new item will find a home in our house, and to make sure that for every new thing that comes in 2 or 3 things should leave! **The new systems we have implemented have led to an improved quality of life for all of us.** Even my 20 month old twin daughters are learning about being accountable for their toys—picture labels on clear plastic containers have helped them identify where an item belongs. My five year old son has shown a tremendous improvement in his ability to keep track of his things and remembering to put his toys away when he is done playing with them. **I no longer dread entering my office,** going through the mail and paying the bills. Hazel has given me a set of tools for navigating these tasks that makes the whole process flow very smoothly. **No more frantically searching for items that I know I saw just a day ago...** everything has a place and I find that as a result of the new order and harmony in our home, **my stress levels have been greatly reduced.** If you are wondering, will this really be worth it? The answer is a resounding YES! Hazel will truly teach you how to be organized for life...

-- Jennifer Chavez

Working with Hazel has showed me that "organization" can be any number of things and that **being "organized for life" means that I control the situation rather than the situation controlling me.** Being proactive in my approach to work and home, helps me feel balanced and clear minded, which means **I am a better husband and father** and my work is deliberate and concise. **I highly recommend Hazel and Organized for Life!**
-- Jim Butcher, Mortgage Advisor

Hazel gave me hope. I thought I had my home office "together" with some minor inefficiencies. I was wrong - there is so much more. **I now find joy** in sitting down - working and organizing information **in such an effective and now beautiful and serene space.** I even have a reading nook! Thank you, Hazel.
-- Katree Edmonds, Master Certified HNLP Coach

Hazel, I must tell you that just receiving your newsletter today inspired me to clear my desk enough to see the WOOD! It really is a wood surface. I hadn't seen it in weeks... **I think your newsletter can serve to give me that much needed nudge to take action and quit procrastinating.** Thank you!
-- GraceAnn Simoni, Yours Redesigned

Thank you so much for our time together! You helped me create a manageable schedule by first identifying my life priorities. Without that, how can any schedule work? The tools you use, combined with your gentle but knowledgeable approach, has allowed me to feel in full control of my choices around my time, rather than always feeling like my schedule was managing me. Everything we covered provided a solid foundation for me to maintain this well into the future. Whether their schedule is out of control or not, **you provide a service that benefits everyone.**
-- Sandra Wylie, Possibility Life Coaching

Hazel, you have no idea how good it feels to finally have a clutter-free garage. **It was worth every penny!**
-- Beverly B., Financial Advisor

Hazel Thornton single-handedly got my life back on track. I work out of my house, so the mess due to a remodel pretty much shut me down...until Hazel appeared! She's calm, easygoing, and nonjudgmental. Everyone should have a Hazel Thornton in their life!
-- Sarah K., Working Screenwriter and Single Mom

Hazel is worth her weight in gold!
-- Carolyn W., Therapist and Soon-to-be Mother of Twins

The Needs Assessment alone is really worth it! When Hazel did this for me, I was introduced to concepts and action plan steps that I had not thought of before. It's just clearer when someone experienced outlines it for you.
-- Mina K., Telecommunications Manager

Thank you one hundred million times for your help getting me going on organizing my "home studio". I can't even believe it and keep walking into the room to be sure it is really my studio. **I love it and I can't begin to thank you enough!**
-- Lynn P., Interior Designer

Hazel is a great Organizing Coach! After the initial Needs Assessment, I decided to do the hands-on work myself. Hazel comes over periodically to monitor my progress, teach me new organizing principles, and give me a new homework assignment. **It really helps to make an overwhelming task seem do-able!**
-- Jessica G., Corporate Real Estate Manager

And that's not all.....(scroll down)....

Recommendations from professionals on LinkedIn:

Lori Shaw

Owner, XtraMark - Marketing & Xtra Stuff (business partner)
was a consultant or contractor to you

“With regards to people, places and things, Hazel knows how to cut through clutter with kindness and forethought for the optimal long term outcomes.” *May 15, 2010*

Maureen Jett

(client)

Maureen hired you as a Professional Organizer in 2007 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Creative

“Hazel is efficient, creative, cost-conscious, and fun to work with. Services I have hired Hazel for include: initial assessment, hands-on organizing, coaching, and redesign. In every case, I was pleased with the results, which I think were better and faster than what I could have done working on my own.” *March 22, 2010*

Gary Sanchez

(client)

Gary hired you as a Organizer in 2009

Top qualities: Expert, Good Value, Creative

“We had a tragedy at our office where the husband of a Team Member passed away. Hazel was there to help her and even donated time to make her transition as good as possible - thank you Hazel.” *September 2, 2009*

Leslie Carleton

Owner, LA Carleton, Professional Coach (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Hazel Thornton may be the most totally grounded woman I have ever met. Her calm approach to confusion and overwhelm relaxes me and allows me to think more clearly about what I want – and I’ve never even been her client! That’s just from being with her at networking events!!!” *September 16, 2009*

Sandra Wylie

(client)

Sandra hired you as a Professional Organizer in 2007

Top qualities: Personable, Expert, Good Value

“I consider Hazel to be an invaluable resource. She is both skilled and gifted in her organizational talents, but moreso, she's able to personalize concepts so they work for your individual situation. She is the expert in organization, and offers a supportive, friendly, and non-judgmental approach to creating flow and organization in any area you choose.” *December 15, 2007*

Keri Jenkins

(client)

Keri hired you as a organizational consultant in 2008 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

“If you are serious about getting organized, utilizing your time and space more efficiently & generally enjoying a less stressful & higher quality of life I can highly recommend Hazel. She makes the insurmountable appear entirely do-able and holds your hand every step of the way. Although I worked with Hazel years ago I still implement the concepts & tips she shared with me until today. She is worth every penny.” *March 27, 2010*

Jane Ellen

(client)

Jane hired you as a Time Management Consultant in 2009

Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, Creative

“Hazel is an amazing consultant, coach, and personal advisor who is expert in the fields of organizing and time management. Trustworthy, personable, and genuinely caring, she is a highly capable problem-solver who creates individualized solutions for clients and teaches the implementation thereof. I would not hesitate to revisit her services for any future or ongoing needs.” *August 25, 2009*

Lucy Rosen

(client)

Lucy hired you as a organization in 2010

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

“Hazel exceeded all my expectations!!!! My client's facility is organized, beautiful and everything looks great. She completed the job on time, on budget and was a pleasure to work with. I couldn't recommend Hazel more for any type of organizational project!” *March 10, 2010*

Karla Linden, NMT, LMT

(client)

Karla hired you as a Organizer in 2008

Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, High Integrity

“If you need to revamp and get more organized, Hazel is the person to call! She is compassionate, non-judgmental, and an experienced expert at what she does - ORGANIZE!” *March 9, 2010*

John Cousins

(client)

John hired you as a Business Consultant in 2007 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Great Results, Good Value, Creative

“If you want to make a huge impact on your life by getting organized, reducing clutter, and improving the overall flow of your home and office, then you must hire Hazel right now. It will be the best decision you have ever made and you will reap the benefits and feel the results after the first session. I am very serious.” *March 10, 2010*

Lisa Johnson, PhD

(client)

Lisa hired you as a Professional Organizer in 2009

Top qualities: Personable, Good Value, Creative

“Hazel provided a comprehensive evaluation of my home to help me develop a plan for getting my family more organized. She continues to support my efforts to become organized through ongoing contact through Facebook tips, cards and emails to follow up on my progress. She is very encouraging and supportive, while humble and gracious. I felt completely comfortable showing her my most chaotic spaces in my home.” *March 10, 2010*

Lila DeWindt

(client)

Lila hired you as a Organizing in 2008 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Expert, High Integrity, Creative

“Hazel asks the right questions and listens very well, and is excellent at taking that information and creating a program which is tailored to her client's needs; and then her implementation and follow-through are exceptional as well.” *March 10, 2010*

Elissa Chazdon

(client)

Elissa hired you as a Organizer in 2007 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, Creative

“Hazel has energized and guided me in organizing my home space and making my home office space more effective and less distracting. I highly recommend working with her as she is positive, nonjudgemental and very encouraging. I have had fabulous results each time Hazel helped me with organizing.” *April 12, 2009*

Jason Goldbarg

(client)

Jason hired you as a Organizer in 2010

Top qualities: Personable, On Time, Creative

“Hazel came to our home with fresh ideas about how to remain clutter-free and how to rearrange our spaces to maintain an organized living space. Thank you!” *May 24, 2010*

Val Romero

(client)

Val hired you as a time management coaching in 2007 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, High Integrity

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Meryl Kahn, EA MBA

(client)

Meryl hired you as a Organization of Work or Home in 2008

Top qualities: Great Results, High Integrity, Creative

“Ms. Thornton's ability to visualize, organize and implement cost-effective changes are superior. Her background in both engineering and fine arts really shine. I gladly recommend Organized For Life for any business or household seeking more efficiency.” *March 16, 2009*

Jim Butcher

(client)

Jim hired you as a Professional Organizer in 2007 and hired you more than once

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Jennifer Chavez

(client)

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Top qualities: Great Results, Good Value, Creative

“Two years later...and the systems that Hazel helped my family put into place are still working! Even my three children don't mind putting their things away because it's so much easier when everything has a "home". As a result of the order and harmony in our home, my stress levels have been greatly reduced. Hire Hazel -- you won't be sorry!” *April 25, 2010*

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Associate Broker, Keller Williams Realty (business partner)

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