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Olga J. Muñoz is managing partner of Soltero, Muñoz & Associates. She is one of Puerto Rico's leading architects in one the major locally owned architectural and engineering firms.

As a little girl, she would stare at buildings, fascinated by how they were erected. Her passion for design led her to obtain a bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Louisiana. During a visit to the island, she was contacted for a position in an architectural firm. Architect Muñoz's dreams of being a designer of beauty, were finally set in motion.

After three years of professional experience at two major architectural firms, fate drew her to where the fulfillment of all her personal and professional goals and expectations was awaiting. In 1991, she joined RSB Architects & Planners, a firm established by her husband, architect Ramón Soltero Blanco, that eventually both



decided to rename Soltero, Muñoz & Associates.

The firm grew dramatically when the services were expanded to include in-house civil engineering, permit expediting, project administration and construction supervision, drawing in corporate clients such as Walmart, Pep Boys, Costco, Home Depot and Walgreens.

Her strong administrative capabilities have been essential in organizing and directing, as design architect and project manager, successful construction programs in Puerto Rico.

For this woman, who since her early years has felt an innate sensibility and degree of understanding of what makes a space interesting and beautiful, having proved her worth in the male-dominated construction industry has only been one of the achievements she has fulfilled along her way. Life offers us many challenges and proves us in many ways. And lives like architect Muñoz' show us that determination and self confidence are crucial in conquering whatever we pursue.

Her children, Victoria Alejandra, 19, Francisco Ramón, 15, and María Fernanda, 13, who have been and still are architect Muñoz' outmost challenge and most rewarding achievement, she has not only been the designer of buildings and developments, but is an excellent mother and friend, the architect and designer of many dreams that together as a family they have.