

**A**t age six, budding entrepreneur Tim Smith was picking and selling figs door to door. Today, Tim is at the helm of his most successful venture to date—Windward Shutters, LLC. A Charleston resident for over 20 years, Tim first founded Windward in 1996 out of his home. Now located in a large facility on Virginia Avenue in the trendy Park Circle district, Windward Shutters stays busy equipping homes and businesses with hurricane protection products. During his downtime, Tim enjoys hanging out with wife Kristen, son Garrett Blue, 5 1/2, and daughter Carson, 2, at their own storm-proofed Isle of Palms abode.



Tim and his family at home on Isle of Palms



Tim outfitted his Isle of Palms residence with an array of hurricane protection products. "In addition to the Bahama shutters, hurricane panels were cut and tracks installed on all the porches to allow for a convenient, strong protection in the event of a hurricane threat," explains Tim, "and motorized rolldowns were installed on the rear bedroom windows for privacy and light control." Knowing they are safe allows Tim and his family to focus on fun—fishing, hunting, surfing, eating at favorite food joint Jack's Cosmic Dogs, and, of course, spending time together.



Tim chose festive orange Bahama shutters for the front and side windows to give the house more character and dimension. "We chose that color because we really wanted to liven the house up," he says, "and I've found that shutters really 'pop' when you pick a color that strongly contrasts the color of the home's exterior. The color choices available for the Bahama and Colonial shutters are infinite."

To discuss your own shutter and hurricane protection options with Tim, call (843) 881-6262 or visit [windwardshutters.com](http://windwardshutters.com).