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Happy Mother's Day to All Moms

Thank you to all who took pen in hand to compose the letters in this special section.

Whatever the form, poetry or prose, each entry was a loving tribute to a very special person in the writers life.

The judges had the difficult task of choos-

ing the winners from over 80 entries. We have reprinted the letters as they were written.

Winners will be contacted in the coming week to schedule pick up and appointments.

Look for this section online at
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First Place

My mom is the best because she's always been my mom and dad. Being a single mother, she was faced with tons of obstacles that she always overcame. She was always there when I was scared, sick, or sitting on the bench. She taught me how to be strong and independent, as well as to never rely on anyone but yourself. I learned to always stand up for what I believed in and to never let anyone tare me down. I would love this special day for her as a thanks for making every day special for me. I love you mom!

Stephanie Frick
Eastlake

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Second Place

I think my mom should be Queen for a day because she deserves time for herself and a day of rest more than anything. She is always taking up her time to help or serve others. Whether it's taking her parents to doctor appointments or homeschooling her eleven kids! I want my mom to be picked because she could finally have a day to relax and do for herself. That is why I want my mom to be Queen for a day: so she has time to enjoy herself and have time away from doing so much for everyone.

Joseph Palumbo
Mentor

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- Pummels Gift Card
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Third Place

I think my mom, Jackie Minor, is a queen because she is the strongest person I know. You can knock her down, but she'll keep getting up fighting. From having to be forced into retirement, due to health reasons, having her fiancée pass away a month after they got engaged. To having countless surgeries and both her parents have passed. My mom raised 3 kids by herself. She helps out with her 5 grandkids. She is our rock, our mentor. She puts everyone before herself and never does anything for herself. She's always there for us. We'd be lost without her.

Sincerely, Michelle Anderson
Painesville

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Why my mom is the best! My mom is the best because when you need something she is always there to help you with whatever is wrong with you. She listens to you when you want to talk. She provides you with so much love that when you hug her your body just warms up. She gets you to the doctor when your hurt and stays with you when your sad and will hold your hand if you feel lost or scared. She will take you anyplace you need to go when you don't feel like sitting at home being bored never tries to be negative, always wants to be positive. She will hold you in her arms if you are sad or lonely and always tell you that it will be okay.

Julie Underwood
Painesville

To whom it may concern:

My name is Bill Nicastro and this letter is a memorial tribute to my mother rather than a contest. My mother dies in 1973 of Cancer, I never appreciated all the work and love she gave not only to me but also to my entire family. My main regret is that I never told her how much I loved her even as she was dying.

This letter is to publicly acknowledge great appreciation for all that my mom has done for me. I do not want any prize. Thanks Mom.

Sincerely, Your Son Bill
Willoughby

My mom is the best because despite how hectic our day-to-day life is, she always makes sure we get everywhere on time no matter what. With four home-schooled kids, three of which being teenagers, this is no easy feat.

On top of all this, she helps us grow more independent every day while growing a wonderful relationship with each of us. She taught us how to manage money, how to cook, how to be responsible for our own actions, and much, much more.

In short, one can't possibly explain just how fantastic my mom is in only one hundred words.

Annie Ryan
Mentor

My mom is the greatest best ever because she saved my live from cancer! She saved my life when I was three years old. My mom did this by taking the chemo/radiation gauntlet challenge,. Choosing between the two, luckily in my favor she chose correctly so here I am at age 39 all thanks to my loving caring kind mom.

Beth Kulesar
Willowick

I nominate my Mom Dianna S. and think she is the Best Mom for so many Priceless reasons. I am forever blessed and grateful for my moms encouragement inspiration, unconditional love and faith in me.

Like so many parents out there today, my Mom has a child (daughter) that has fought and struggled for years with fatal disease called addiction.

Through-out lifes many challenges and difficulties, my Mom has never once gave up hope on me. My Mom has been one of my positive influences: always loving me and believing in me when I couldn't quite believe in myself.

I maintained a period of sobriety for 2 ½ yrs by working an honest 12 step recovery program, followed by a relapse that disappointed my Mom. Still my Mom prayed me through, kept her faith and continued to believe in the Power of Prayer

My Mom constantly fed me food for my Spirit and Soul always reminding me on daily basis "where" and "whom" my strength and power to defat this disease comes from. (God)

My Mom helped restore my faith, self-esteem and shine more light into my life.

My Mom reminder me how my "I can't" became "can's".

My Mom reconfirmed my strengths and pointed out exactly, how far from the pits I have come, and all that God has given and restored to me.

My Mom accepted phone calls and has been supportive and motivational in my recovery again.

I have the Best Mom who has believed in me, stood by my side and who has never criticized me or judged me,.

My Moms the Best for walking beside me along my journey of life and this gift of recovery. Mom, you don't only deserve the title " Queen For a Day" You're a Queen in my Life Everyday. Happy Mother's Day!!

Love Your Daughter Cassy
Wickliffe

My mom is the best mom because she is really nice and is really kind. She makes dinner every night & I'm thankful for that. My mom also takes me to gymnastics & violin every week. My mom is caring and very generous at all times. She is one of the best people in the world. She is also always inspiring me to do good things. I look up to my mom and I actually want to be a speech therapist when I grow up (my mom is a speech therapist). My mom is the best mom I could ask for.

Sincerely, Alia Mogerko
Mentor

Mom, there are 1,000 + ways why you're the best. Let me tell you why I say this. Mom you're a friend, role model, guide, teacher, and more. You're a role model to me because of your hard work to earn everything you've ever gotten. You're a guide because you guide me with experience from your past that has helped you become the women & mom you are today. You're a friend & teacher because you teach me about everyday life. I thank you mom for everything you've done for me! I love you.

Julie Helmick
Eastlake

My mom is caring, she loves me, would give up anything for our family, and does everything for our family. From taking us on family vacations to helping us study so she makes sure her children get A's. My mom believes in her children. She pays for our sports fees because she knows we are doing what we love. My mom is inspirational. She transitioned to another job because she knew it was best for her company even though she loved her job. My mom, overall, loves and cares for her family and everyone she comes in contact with.

Tracey Ann Rhineberger Perry

My mom is the best. She is very smart, nice, caring, and hard working. She is very smart because she helps me on my homework. She is nice, she is always nice to everyone. She is caring, she always makes time for me and my family even when she is very busy, she makes sure that me and my family have everything we need and want. She is hard working because she works for hours and still gets things she needs to get done, done. I love her very much because she is very smart, nice, caring and hard working. She is the best mommy ever!

Hannah Crellin Madison

I think my Mom is the greatest. She's lots of fun. She supports me since I have not seen or heard from my dad in almost two years. He doesn't even pay my child support. My Mom does everything.

My Mother Dawn went back to college for more education to get a better job. She went to school, worked nights full time and still made time to do special things with me. We have mommy and me time and do lots of sports.

She always calls from work to say goodnight. I love her so much. She is really SPECIAL!!!

Adriano Anne D'Amore Willowick

The best Mother, Is My MOTHER! Mother of four girls. Grandmother of ten. Has a unique bond with each of us. Never stops taking care of her kids, grandkids, mother, and friends. My 92 year old Grandma would have never beat cancer without her. My mother has Lupus, but never complains or lets it slow her down. Never shows stress! Teaches us to be Strong Women! Can whip up the perfect meal! Gives the best advice! Works hard at her job! Makes me laugh! Is my best friend! My mother is the mother I want to become. It is easy to see why everyone adores her. (100 words)

I Love her. She never does anything for herself and this is why she deserves to be "Queen for a Day!"

Molly Goff Montville



Hello my name is Kyrrah. I have three amazing sisters named Abby (17), Adia (11), and Kimira (10). We always tried to do something special for my mom on Mother's day, but I don't think she feels as special as she should on this day. Which just so happens to be dedicated to her and all the other Mother's across the world. So you wanna know why my mom is the best, huh? Well, growing up we didn't have much money. Yes I know being a single mother of four GIRL'S had something to do with it. ha ha

Anyway, my mom always found positive ways to make things work. We were never hungry and we always had somewhere to sleep. But personally I think my mom is the best because even though we don't always follow her directions, she always tells us how much she loves us. My mom showed us right from wrong, that's why we love her so much. I find it impossible to only write 100 words or less on why my mom is the best, because no works can describe just how great my mom is.

Yours Truly, Kyrrah Reed Painesville

Wow! I don't know how I can describe my mom with 100 words or less! Well, let's start with this-my mom has been with me since day one. She has always been by my side when I needed her, and if she ever needed me, I was there with her. We have been together from the day we first saw each other. She really pushed me outside of my comfort zone when I needed to go past my limits, but I couldn't do it without her. I love my mom, and we will be together forever.

Lexi Carroll Chardon

1. My mom helps me do chores.
2. She Loves me.
3. She gives me a hug and a kiss.
4. We play charades.
5. She takes me to Chuck-e-cheese and buys a card to play games.

Love Luke Cvelbar Painesville

My mother is and deserves to be Queen for a day. Although as of July 16, 1991 when she gave birth to me. Her third and final son. She has been in my eyes the Queen of my entire existence. To be a mother of three boys she has definitely had the hardest job on earth. And my brothers and I made sure of it. Other than a "Good Morning and Happy Mothers Day". I haven't been able to give her a single Mothers Day gift. Not even a greeting card. The 1st place prize would be the ultimate Mothers day gift, ever!

Jeremy Nelson Painesville

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My mother is the kindest person I know. Sadly, she has spent most her life battling health issues. Since early adulthood she has had severe Rheumatoid Arthritis. Despite the pain and crippling effects of this disease she has always kept a positive attitude. When I was a child, she had her first battle with cancer. A couple of years ago, she received another cancer diagnosis. Even while going through these difficult times she was able to be there for all of us. Through good



Skylar Weber

times and bad she has always kept a smile on her face and love in heart!

**Dawn Sweeney
Thompson**

The most important person in my life is my mother, without a doubt!

She is not only very beautiful, but her eyes are so kind towards everyone! And not just when she talks with people, but even when she takes care of our wiener dog, Schatzi, her eyes show her love.

My mommy works so hard to make sure I am well-brought up. She is a single mommy and for my first five years on earth, she has made sure I have had the best school and church possible for us in Chardon. I want to be strong and kind like my mommy when I grow up, too. Mommy is a veteran, as well.

I know my mommy's students who have special needs love her, too. And when I am through with some of my stuffed animals, mommy shares them with her kids at Kenston School who have autism, especially Thomas. She is a kind and great teacher, at home and at school.

Sometimes, my mommy has to correct me to make the right choices. I know this will help me become a good person.

When I get sick, mommy takes such good care of me. She knows how to make me comfortable until I stop feeling sick. And closeby to me, mommy puts "gray bear" near me to help me

get better more quickly. He is my favorite stuffed animal mommy bought me a long time ago.

My mother is a really good cook, too! She makes finger-licking good food all the time! But she also is teaching me not to lick my fingers, because that is not appropriate.

Sometimes, when mommy gets sad or worried, I put on my favorite mermaid costume she got me and that makes her smile. She says I take good care of her, too.

Mommy is a special human being, not just to me, but even to our neighbors. She always shares her food, clothes and books with others we know, or don't know. We often take our treasures to those big, yellow boxes to share with people we don't even know.

I love my mommy because she is the best mommy in the whole world! She deserves to be "Queen for a Day". I hope you will choose my mommy.

**Love to you, Ashlyn Christine Brzozowski
Chardon**

My name is Zoe, and my mom is the best ever. She works two jobs just to support our family. On top of that, she finds time to be part of our school's Parent Association, to be in charge of concessions for our swim team, and also come to every one of our soccer games and swim meets. She loves each and every one of us very much. She takes us on bike rides, and drives us to our friends's houses. She puts up with all our whining and complaining. She is the best mom ever.

**Zoe Pesek
Euclid**

My Mom is the Best. There is no one else I would rather be like. She takes care of me every minute of my life. She is all I could ever want. She brings happiness, joy, and laughter to my life and is always looking out for me day and night. Without her I would not ever be here. I have always looked up to her. Thinking she is always a good rollmodel for me and I would like to be like her when I grow up. I love her so much that is why she is the best

**Addison Curtis
Mentor**

My mom is loving and caring. She brings us to church and teaches us to pray. She is a great cook and makes great desserts!!!! She is very pretty!!!! And she loves me and I love her too, she is always there when I need her.

**By Bernadette Palumbo
Mentor**

My mom is the best because she makes the best meals. She helps me when I am hurt, she teaches me about God, she helps me when I am sad, and when I am scared, she cares about us, she's fair. She loves me & I love her. She's always there when I need her, she's smart, she takes us on field trips, she's almost so close to being the same as Mary the Mother of Jesus Christ,

she loves us everyone. She's very generous and amazing. She helps us to be good and she always knows what is right.

**Grace Palumbo
Mentor**

My mom is the best because she is sweet and is always caring. She doesn't think about herself but what is good for others. She calls our Grandma every day to make sure she's fine. She can always make you laugh, and helps us when we are hurt. She makes the best meals for us. She gives clothes and toys to goodwill to make sure the poor have good things. She cleans our clothes and home-schools us and teaches us about God, and she takes us on fun trips to the History Museum and the science center, I love her.

**Gianna Palumbo
Mentor**

My mom is special because she is kind, she's always there for you and is always ready to help. She loves her children equally. She feeds us, teaches us, and she loves us. She's hardworking, smart, and funny. She'll do anything to help us at anytime. She helps anyone she can and is special to me. She's caring, and quick to help me. I love her and am glad she's there for me. I'm glad to have her as my mother. She's like an arrow in my life my mother. She's like an arrow in my life pointing the way. I'll always love her no matter what happens.

**Gregory Palumbo
Mentor**

Most mothers have a lot in common. They love, protect, and teach their children. What sets my mom apart from the rest? I think it's not what she does, but why she does it. She loves us from the depths of her soul, because she knows that a mother's love is more powerful than anything. She teaches us right from wrong, because she knows that our decisions shape our future. My mother spends her days protecting and cherishing, loving and caring for, teaching and guiding her children. She does this because she loves us more than she loves herself.

**Angelina Palumbo
Mentor**

My mom is the best! Although, she is actually my half-sister, she has been more of a mom to me than anyone. She is 12 years older than I & she is more active than me!

She deserves to be recognized. She donates to the Humane Society & to the homeless. She is always there to help.

It would really thrill her if she would win.

She is a mother to 3 children of her own, 4 grand-children, & 1 great-grand child.

Please consider her! Her name is Virginia Derevjanik.

**Marge Houston
Mentor on the Lake**



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My mother, Virginia, is one of the sweetest, kindest, and caring people I've ever known. She's always been there to guide me whenever I feel like I've gone astray. She's always very supportive of my decisions and always tells me to follow my passion. She knows when to be stern to implement a crucial life lesson and when to be kind when I'm at a weak time in my life. I've seen her display all these characteristics to those around her and it only further illustrates what an incredible woman she is. She's the brightest light in my life.

**Sean Parker
Chardon**

The News-Herald Queen contest was fate, Speaking my Mother's grand qualities can't wait.

Thirty-seven years married to her high school mate,

Her Sweet words still make him feel like King Alfred the Great.

Beauty, Elegance, and Style display confidence outside,

Inner Joy and Vitality shine from deep inside.

Strong and with Grace she's undergone

profound strife,

Kind Acts, Compassion and Sacrifice define her life.

Mom raised four children, including Prince and Princess twins,

Using Wit and Wisdom, Inspiration and Intuition.

Mom's Authenticity, Sense of Humor always kept us grinning,

Mom's Generosity, Prize Personality and Perseverance is how she'll be winning.

**Alicia Virginia Johnson
Lakewood**

My Mom is amazing in every wonderful way! Her creativity and smartness is over 9000! Her love for me is bigger than the world! Her beauty is stunning! I love her with all my heart, and even more!

My mom is great and special to me in many ways! She writes me notes that make my heart shine when I read them! She takes my friends, my siblings, and me to the movies and lets us go to tons of fun places. She kisses me at night and sings me to sleep.

I can't imagine a world without my mom!

**Lauren Young
Shaker Hts.**

All moms are great. They care and do special things just for you! Here are a few reasons why my mom is truly the best. My mom takes me places. She drives me to all of my activities for sports, friends, even shopping. My mom helps me with lots of stuff. From homework to cleaning, really anything. Lastly, my mom is the best because she gives me a hug everyday. I know she loves me and I love her the same back. That's

why my mom is special to me and the best.

**Andrea Brunecz
Willoughby**

My mom does so much for me! She doesn't only teach in fifth grade, she also teaches me. She tells me to always be honest and to try my best in all my activities and to never quit when I have made a commitment. She may have a headache from listening to kids chattering all day, but still makes time for "mommy and me time". My mom drives me to pretty much everything and has never missed a sporting activity. Since she calls me princess, she should be queen! I love me mom.

**Aurora Johnson-Olup
Novelty**

This May, I graduate from Kent, and thank my Mother for daily encouragement by honoring her publicly and decreeing her "Queen for a Day." Mom's given me life, loved me unconditionally, and given up much. Pushing me to be the best version of myself, to work for what I want, and stay grounded. May she pass down these supreme qualities to me-positive spirit, emotional intelligence, and charm.

Besides cherishing her own family, Mom has spent 30 years aiding others as a teacher and LSW. Making a difference in all those lives leaves her deserving of a crown.

**Morgan Frances Johnson
Perry**

There is no reward so great that it could measure up to the glory due her. She is nothing short of the female counterpart of a Knight in shining armor. My mother is a giver-to each of us 12 children, and everyone she meets. Whatever she attempts she achieves with excellence. No one can come near her skills at volleyball. Her passion for mother-hood is inexcusable! She shows endless love, patience, kindness and wisdom in raising her children. She has saved many marriages and enriched many lives. Everyone knows that she is a queen! I love her so much.

**Sophia Grace Harris
Mentor**

Mother

For as long as I remember... You were always by my side, To give me support, confidence, and help. For as long as I can remember... You were always the person I looked up to, so strong, so sensitive, so pretty. For as long as I can remember... You always provided stability within our family, Full of laughter, full of tears, full of love. For as long as I can remember...

And still today, You are everything a mother should be. Whatever I become is because of you... And I thank you forever for our relationship. I love you mom.

**Finley Fiediga-Ramsey
Willoughby Hills**

Why my mom is the best.

My mom is the best because she takes time to spend with me she plays with me with that time. She is funny, fun, she never gives up, and she cares for me. She is nice, kind, and she is a good cook. She lets my friends come over. She takes care of me and my brother, she never wants to stay home, and she cleans for me, and she gets close for she is a nice mom.

**Elaina Horn
Mentor**

I love my mom because she takes care of me. She cooks my dinner. She pack my back pack before school. I know she loves me and I love her!

**Cooper Kost
Mentor**

My mom is the best. How?

My mom has to take care of two kids me and my older sister Ava who is 10 and is in 5th grade. My mom does the laundry and cleans the house and makes my lunch and my sister's. My mom lets me play sports like softball, basketball. My mom is always there for me. My mom helps me when something is important to me. And my mom never gives up on me or my family.

**Grace Gant
Mentor**

My Mom is the best because she is a very good cook. Try some of her food. You will see what I mean. She reads books to my brothers and me. When I am sad she tells me a joke to help me feel better. She packs my lunch and gets me ready for school. My mom got me a badmitten/volleyball net for Easter 2017. That's why my mom is the best and should be queen for a day.

**Brady Wofford
Mentor**

My mom is the best because she cares about me, loves me, never gives up, she cooks for me and my sister, cleans for me, and takes me to the mall but sometimes she gets carried away but I still love her.

**Andrej Cindric
Mentor**



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 My mom love me.
 My mom takes me to the park
 My mom take me to the supermarket
 My mom take me to any restaurant I want.

Arfan Imran

Mentor

My Mom is the best because she lets me stay up late. And lets me do whatever I want to do. She is a good cook. She is nice and cool.

Anthony Knecht

Mentor

My mom is the best because she helps me do my homework. When I'm stuck on a problem. When she's done helping me I do the rest.

Charles Jacobs

Mentor

My mom is the Best. . . .
 Because she always cooks for the family. My Mom is making me read from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm which is good for me and kinda fun. Mom gets everything ready for school and gets ME ready for school. But the most important reason my Mom is the best is because she is my Mom and she will love me no matter what happens.

My Mother does crafts with me sometimes. And my Mother is a stay at home Mom since she has had so many surgeries.

I love my Mother and she loves me.

BYEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Chloe Martin

Mentor

My mom is the best because she makes me my food, and takes me to get snacks sometimes, possibly dairy queen. She is the best because she cares about me a lot, if I get hurt, she would get me a band-aid. Basically that is all.

Dominic Cater

Mentor

My Mom is the best because she saved money for us to go to Disney World. She loves me a lot. She's a good cook. She is pretty funny. Her job is for kids how have problems. She is really is nice she lets us do stuff.

Luke Melin

Mentor

My mom is the best because she is a very good cook. My mom usually takes me to the mall for lunch and gets carried away and goes to the shoe store. I love my Mom because she helps around the house, does lots of work and cares for me and my brother.

Nathan Tompkins

Mentor

My Mom is the best mom in the world! She is always there for me and my family. She is kind, nice, funny and she never gives up. She cares for me and my family. My mom helps me get my thing ready for school. she also helps me organize my room and my things. My mom takes me places with my family and gets me and my little brother toys and clothes. That is why my mom is the best mom in the WORLD!

Morgan Wisniewski

Mentor

My Mom is the best because she helps me with my homework. And she is also the best because she is funny and happy. And she also is the best because she makes me laugh. And she is the best because she takes care of me, my two brothers and the dog named Jack. (P.S I love you mom)

Matthew Burns

Mentor

Why my mom is the best.

She is the best because if I hurt she will help me. She is the best cook. And she has a hard job. She loves hugs. And if she does something wrong she will never give up. And she buys me clothes that I love. We have a girls day me and my mom go to the mall and she gets me stuff. She makes me giggle and she is so funny. She is the best cleaner in the house. She organizes my things. She likes coffee. She goes to Starbucks. She has 3 kids Michael is 11, I am 9 and Ashley is 5. My mom got the family a dog that day was fun.

I love my mom!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Nicole Weber

Mentor

My mom is the best because she lets me have T.V. in my room. My mom lets me stay up until 9:00 p.m. She lets me go to the mall and eat lunch and go on the bouncy thing when we're at the mall. She buys me clothes. She lets me stay on the game for a little bit longer than I am supposed to do it. She gave me a phone to me.

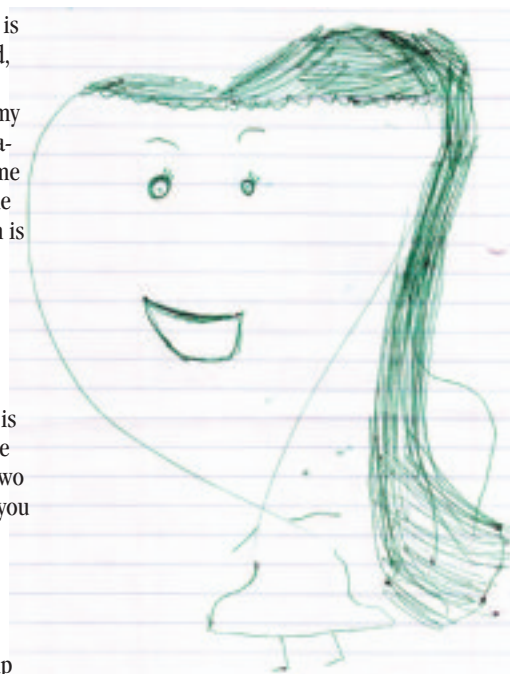
Tyler Vaughn

Mentor

Why my mom is the best she has a lot of homework but on another day she will make up for it. She always has time for me. She takes me a lot of places oh and guess what she took me to the animal safari and we got to go in a drive threw and we feed the animals all the time the llamas went to my mom and deer went to me. She helps me study for test. She is always there for me if someone was making fun of me she would talk to his or her mom. She got me a dog on my 8th birthday. So I would have someone to play with while she is busy his name is Rocky Farmer. He just turned one. He is very playful. I love my mom so much.

Alexa Farmer

Mentor



Evangeline Hine

This is why I think my mom is the best.

My mom is the best because she loves me no matter what happens because one time I accidently broke a vase playing volleyball and my mom still loved me. She cleans for me every day even though it can be a little hard for. She brings my lunch to school when I am running late to school. She cooks for 6 every day and it is always delicious. This is why I think my mom is the best. Why do you think your mom is the best?

Allison Walsh

Mentor

My mom is the best. She does the dishes and cleans the house she also gets me ready for school. She buys us clothes, toys, and takes us to fun places. She works at night and goes in late so I can play football She works very hard she has 3 kids my sister is 7 months old and my brother is 3 I am 9. She is a very good multitasker. She is a very good mom I think she is the best in the world.

Patrick Schutt

Mentor

My mom is the best because she gets me clothes and is always there for me she feeds all 6 kids she works every day She tucks in bed and reads to me. My mom gives me hugs it makes me feel better she gets me ready for school and packs my lunch she organizes my stuff. My mom set's up my birthday party and makes it the best that's why my mom should be queen for the day.

Anna Chicone

Mentor



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Why my mom is the best. She helps me a lot. She helps me with my homework, she helps me with my swimming and telling me what I did wrong. She encourages me to do a lot better at a lot of stuff. Sometimes she will let me go with her and get something little. She makes us dinner every night. Sometimes she will tuck me in at night because she likes to think that I am 3 years old. Sometimes she will clean the house. Then every year she will get my school stuff. I am very thankful for all the stuff she does for us and all the money she spends on us because she spends more money on us than she does for herself. That is why I know that she is the best mom in the world.

Ella Pariza
Mentor

My Mom brings food to our table for us every day. She works for us so she can buy us things that we need. She always has jokes to tell at the end of the day and when I am down. That is why my mom is the best.

Giuseppe LoDuca
Mentor

My mom is the best because she made me and I wouldn't be alive so here I am today and she goes to work to buy us food and so we can pay our bills for the house. My mom calls us when we get home from school and makes sure we are fine it is helpful. I know she can make me mad because I get in trouble sometimes but I always get sent to my room or get grounded for a couple of days. And she washes my clothes but she can't really cook.

Jordan Kondelik
Mentor

My mom is the best because she loves me. She helps me take a bath. She also helps me make my lunch and dinner. My mom has 6 kids and she works at a hospital. She likes to spend time with me going to play putt putt and Dairy Queen.
Nicholas Harrison
Mentor

I am writing this for my 3-Granddaughters 10-7-2 yrs old-Why their Mommy is the Best- Lindsey Virgilio She not only has M.S. but works hard as an R.N. Assistant Director of Nursing - she is going for her Bachelor's Degree 2 of us are in sports soccer and basketball- 1 in Girl Scouts are the 2 yr old. Well she's just everywhere-Mom gets us to practice our games and tournaments that are far away. We do educational stuff-Farmpark-Zoo-Holden Aboretum-Science Center-when we're not on the run we're home swimming-taking walks-we love our Mommy she is the Best. Thank You

Cadence, Claire
Coralynn Virgilio,
Wickliffe

When I was little, I thought my Mom was the best she was home every day when I got off the bus, made homemade desserts and created games in the yard that made the neighborhood congregate. But as an adult, I KNOW my Mom is the best because I realize she lived her entire life for us. Every decision she made was to make our lives better. My Mom is the best because she is the exact woman I inspire to be.

Michele Leslie
Painesville

Wonder Woman, Our Mom

While overcoming illness our mom instilled faith and perseverance. Teaching us the importance of having values, love and God. Also, that family holds an unbreakable bond. When our Grandma became ill from a heart anerysm mom stepped up leading her family down the road of recovery. She did the same when our Dad suddenly fell ill from two brain anerysms; leaving him severely mentally disabled; becoming his full-time caregiver, main financial provider while raising two teen girls. Recently gaining custody of her grandson shows she is selfless, courageous, resilient, and an angel delivered by God. Our mom is the best mom!

Ashley Gray-Davis and Tarryn Johnson
Painesville

My mom is the best because she lets us go to our Dads and groms even if our rooms are not clean. She makes sure that we go to a great school and if we eat candy we brush our teeth. She always make sure we are not hungrey even if she got no dinner. It is hard to take care of 4 kids but she does it the best. She is so fon, she makes time to go to everyone's school sports and activite's. She is the best mom ever and I think she is #1.

Taylor Weber
Painesville

Words will never be enough to describe my mom. Yes she may be difficult even a little gruff at times but I can't recall a time when I felt at my lowest and alone. She would never leave our sides. She is our constant rock! Our Saving Grace! Our cheerleader! To be recognized is usually not her thing but she loves surprises! This would be the best surprise!

Happy Mother's Day Mom!
Love Dawn, Angel and Armand
P.S. Mike, Arianne and Bryan too
P.S.S. McKenzie, Remington, Mic, Summer, Lucy, Annie, Andrew, and Angelo

My Mother is the most giving person I have ever known. She is everything that I aspire to become. She gives all that she has to her husband, 11 children, elderly parents, her siblings, their children, our neighbors, and anyone who needs anything at all. By her example, she has shown me true love and how to be completely selfless. She's given her life to serving everyone around her. She deserves the chance to be served, and to be treated like a queen that she is day in and day out. She deserves to be Queen for a day.

Maria Palumbo
Mentor



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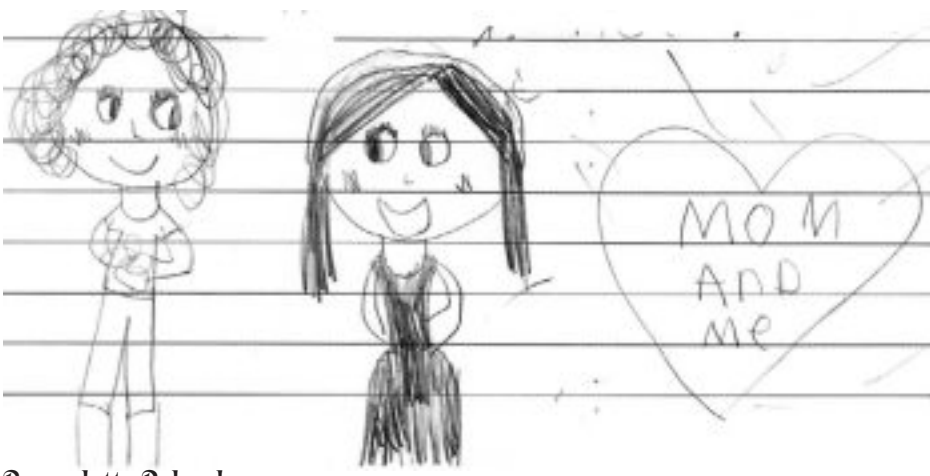
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These are some great reasons why my mommy is so special to me. When I feel down she says turn that frown upside down. When I have nothing to do sometimes she will say let's go to the zoo. She's so brave she could walk through a cave! She's so pretty I bet any one would want to go to prom with my mom. She's so nice she's worth a \$1,000,000 price. I hoped you enjoyed my little rhyme about my mom so why don't you read this one more time!

I love you mom!
Elena Fleming
 Mentor



Bernadette Palumbo

My mom is the Best mom in the World no mom is better then any mom in the world
Evangeline Hine
N. Perry

My mom should win because she thinks about her kids before herself and not only that but she puts her time and effort in everything plus shes the one who makes sure we get up every day feeling good and she gives us encouragement to do difficult things also she prepares us for anything that may happen include tuff times My mom will do what ever it takes for it to be fixed

and thats because she cares about me and would give us the best life possible. Truly my mom will be the greatestest mom I'll ever have.

Korbin Jeffries
Painesville

My mom is the best because she is my heart. Of course she does little things that I am completely grateful for, but my mom taught me the greatest lesson of life. Life is beautiful, even the fault within us is beautiful. She has glorified my life by always making sure everyday is better than the last. She is not only my mom but she is one of the most influential and inspirational people that I will ever meet in my life.

Jordan Nanski
Willowick

Mother Daughter, Parent Child, Teacher Student, Teach Learn

- teach (tech) v. taught (t^ot)
1. To impart knowledge to.
 2. Instruct in - teach'er n.

If a mother is a parent and a parent is a teacher, then I did not give birth to my two daughters, I gave birth to my two mothers. I didn't teach them a thing. They taught me. With the birth of my first daughter, Tayler, my first 'mother' taught me that I am capable of loving unconditionally. Unconditional love is not about loving people when they're easy to love, it's about loving them

when it's impossible to love them. I can. I do. I will. I always will. During my second pregnancy I became deeply concerned. How would I divide my love? When Lexy was born, she taught me, love doesn't have to be divided because it multiplies. Thank you to the two best 'mothers' in the whole wide world....

Lynda Lofquist
 Mentor

Some extraordinary circumstances should earn my mom title of Queen for a Day. After suffering 10 years of dialysis, mom finally received a miracle kidney in November 2015. Shortly after the transplant, doctors discovered two blocked valves in her heart, leading to open heart surgery only 3 weeks after her transplant and a two month hospital stay. A few short months later, a third valve began leaking, leading to a second open heart surgery last August. A third hospital stay in December due to infections in her lungs caused her to miss a second Christmas with our family. Mom's strength, positive attitude and unwavering spirit is an example for all who know her and we are all better people for having her in our lives.

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My mom is the best because she is nice. She is good at cooking she writes very well. She works hard to buy us nice clothes and everything we need. She lets us get bed with TV on. She lets us have dogs and cats. Most of all she is the best mom because she is my mom.

Jackson Brafford
Painesville

Hi Mom I love you so so much I miss you so so much I miss You I love you I like when you make brownies You are the best mom BECAUSE you give me hugs that makes me happy so so much You are the best I like your hair sosososos happy. I love you so so so I like your hair So I like your smell you let me go to a Elissa that makes me happy I love you xxoo I love you you are the best.

I love you sosososososo much.

Skylar Weber
Grand River

All About My Mom!

I love my mom. She is the most beautiful, respectful, and most kindest person I know. She is always joyful and happy. We sometimes fight but we still always love each other. She is always there in the easy times and hard times. We sometimes go get ice cream together. She takes me to school every day. I am so blessed to have my mom. I will love her forever.

Samantha Sephan
Euclid

My mom's the best because she is selfless and helps others. My mom always helps my grandparents with their needs. My mom also always helps me and my ten other siblings. She helps me with my school work even when she's busy. My mom helps me know the right way to live. Most importantly, my mom is a role model to me, and should be for the whole world. My mom is the best because she makes time to help others even when she's really busy.

Anthony Palumbo
Mentor

How does one fit a lifetime's worth of gratitude into one hundred words? That's comparable to bottling the entire ocean into one small jar – impossible.

How could I write about diapers changed, clothing laundered, & meals prepared? How could I include sorrows lifted, successes celebrated, anxieties calmed?

What about late-night talks or belly-aching laughs? Wisdom given & lessons learned? Birthday cakes & driving lessons? How could I fit math formulas & diagramming tutorials? Essay proofreads & science vocabs?

I could never fit that into one hundred words, but I can sum it up in three:

Love you, Mom.

Rosa Palumbo
Mentor

I know God's love through Mom's vision: her way of lovingly seeing the hearts, not flows, of others.

I know God's love through mom's words: always supportive, kind complimentary, and encouraging.

I know God's love through mom's actions: always accepting people as The gifts They are, where they are, and who They are, blessing all who know and love her.

I know God's love through mom's touch: a love beyond words.

I don't know how I would live without mom, and am deeply Thankful for The gift of my mom!

Laura Palumbo
Mentor

My mom is not just a great mom. She's a great person.

I would like to give you some background on my mom so hopefully you'll understand that the last thing I would like to do is sit here and tell you that she's a 'good cook' or 'listens to me'. I think that's cliché.

I don't think I would be able to think constructively, be able to hold certain values or have a stable grip on the world around me if it were not for my mom.

I'll be honest in saying that I'm extremely emotional and thoughtful person. Sometimes, the philosophies I come up with to apply to my life are always truthful and healthy.

My mom is a queen she is so sweet. She's the Best she takes me out to eat to my favorite place at McDonald's. She's the Queen I am the princess. She is the Queen I love her very very much.

The Queen makes me smile. She makes me WOW. I'd love to see & be but look just like her. My Queen Mother P. She's the Queen Pretty Little Pamela.

I'm her only princess and she deserves to be a queen. The Best mom Queen I ever had, I made her adore me; nurture me; and to live and to love me.

Forever & Ever Thank you Queen for a Day

Johanna
Painesville

Grandma is the best By Vera Baer

My Grandma takes such good care of me, she's like my mom. She helps me with homework, makes dinner, takes me shopping, and out to eat. She does this for me and she has shoulder and back problems, yet she still does it, and I love her so much. My Grandma is beautiful, kind and loving. She takes off work to come to school events, helps with school parties, and makes my saint costumes. I'm very thankful she's my Grandma. I love her so much. Thank You!

Vera Baer
Eastlake

My mom is definitely one of the most unapologetic-for-who-she-is people I know, to begin.

I could drone on to about 1,000 words about how my mom's impacted my life, but since I only have 100, I may come off as a tad insensitive, but remember my thesis and I think said reader will understand.

In high school, you meet people with different moral philosophies, sometimes none at all. You meet mindless kids, and kids that think too much; but, I think, the saddest people you can meet are the ones that have changes for the forgery of the world around them.

I think I would be one of them if it were not for my mom, who's an extremely educated and informed person that chooses faith and hope despite relentless adversity.

My mom has helped me see through the false joys in life, and has always offered me food for



Korbin Jeffries

thought. She has given me a concept of hope that isn't fake or ingenuine, but lasting. She never once in her life has controlled my decisions or been a 'helicopter parent', and has taught me how to deal with this scary, misleading world in a healthy way, which is something I could never do on my own. My mom has never laughed at me or ignored the way I feel, which is something everyone else is good at. She teaches right from wrong, but always leaves it optional for me to follow the advice she gives me. She never takes away my freedoms and encourages experimentation within my own life.

Favorite quote from my mom: "Pearl; at the end of the day, YOU have to live with YOU."

I think in a world of confused people and ignorance, my mom is someone who is like a breath of self-awareness in a reality of distraction from importance.

(Now that I'm finishing my essay, I've tried in vain to cut it down to 100 words and I just can't. I hope you'll still consider. I feel as if I tried to take any more words out this essay would be horribly insensitive and not true to me; and if I've learned anything from my mom it's to be true to me.)

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