

First Place

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My mom deserves a day at the spa because she is always doing nice things for other people and never takes time for herself. These past few months have really been hard for my mom. My mom has a sister who is developmentally challenged. Recently, she has taken a turn for the worst and was put in the hospital. Despite the long drive and my moms busy schedule, she spent every moment she could with her sister. My moms mom died 15 years ago, so this leaves my mom with the responsibility of not only being a sister, but also a mother figure to my aunt Karen. Due to my aunts health issues, my mom has become my aunts legal guardian and has to make all her life decisions. She has to decide on what medicines or treatment she needs to get her healthy. We are hoping that soon she will get better and go back to her normal life.

Along with caring for her sister, my mom also cares for my grandpa who is 79 years old and recently fell and dislocated his shoulder. My mom has to get him dressed and undressed almost every day because he cannot do it himself. She has also taken on the responsibility of cleaning his house and has been doing it for years. Because he is the only parent left, she treats him with extra love and respect.

Recently, we got a call that my great grandma who lived in a nursing home only had a few days left to live. My mom saw to it that we all visited her everyday after that phone call. Sadly, she died on March 6, 2009 at the age of 102. My mom helped in making all the decisions for the funeral. She was busy for over a week trying to get all of it just right.

Despite all these family problems, my mom is busy with her own cleaning business. She works almost everyday cleaning for other people and then comes home to care for her own family. After my mom comes home, her day is still not done. She picks up my sister and I from school and helps us with our homework. She also teaches piano lessons out of our home. When that's done, she makes dinner for the family and doesn't get to sit down until it's done.

As you can see, my mom has little time at the end of the day for herself. I think she deserves some rest and relaxation time for herself, which a day at the spa would give her.

Second Place

Pamper My Mom For A Day

Why pamper my mom for a day? Well, all moms do a lot for their kids. They make beds, prepare the meals, and do the laundry and lots of other things too. My mom does all of that, but that is not all she does. My family has been fostering other children for about 5 years now. She was the one to bring it up. She felt that we could help other kids and make a difference as a family. She does a lot for the kids; she makes them feel at home and comfortable, even if they just stay for a weekend, or for a month. She helps them through it all, and if they need someone to talk to my mom is there for them. Right now we have a foster teen and a baby that comes to us every other weekend. My mom not only helps the kids, but helps the moms through tough times. She talks with them about things that they can change to improve their lives and more importantly she shows the moms love and compassion. My mom also does a lot of work at our church. She helps plan out mission trips and bible studies. She helps out with anything.

Sara Mark

Third Place

The Best Mother Ever

When you're born you have certain necessities that need to be met. Food, clothing, water, a shelter to live in, and love. You need a shoulder to cry on. A hand to wipe away the tears. A smile to make your day brighter, and a mother to hug. Your life would be incomplete without these. But without my mother, my life would be nothing but an empty heart.

Have you ever wondered why God gave you your family or a specific person to be your mom? Well I have and I have the reason to comfort me inside. My mom is there to take care of me, love me, and give me the items that I both need and have the desire to want. Until I was eleven I was the youngest child. My older brother and I had the best life ever. Although we can complain what some people have that we don't, every time I look at what they have inside I know that we have more of it. We have more love, and that can't be bought.

Mother's day is coming and there is nothing I can give my mom that will pay for all of the wonderful things she has done for me and my family. Whenever she has something going on and her children do too, she puts her own needs aside until later because she loves to help her children and live life while she can. She gives and gives to us until there is nothing left to give. Not only does she give to us, but she gives to others too. She donates money, clothing, toys, and gives away her love to others around the world. She is a sponsor to a Boy who has nothing compared to us. She writes to him lets him know that God is helping him. She donates money to him so that he can have the necessities that we have. It all comes from her heart.

If my family looks down the line of what our life is like because of her and how many people are less fortunate we come to realize that we are rich. Not the rich where you can go out and buy any item at the mall or simply pay your bills with the signature of a check. The kind of rich that makes you full of life, love, and joy. But the only reason why is my mother struggles in life but will tackle her problems in the thought that life is what you make it. If you want to be sad the go ahead be sad. But you can be happy as long as you know what your purpose in life is. That is why my mom deserves the award for all she has done for me and others.

Cassidy Shepherd, Mrs. Hall at Silver Lake Intermediate. 6th grade.

Consolation

April 2, 2009

Dear O Spa at Olympia,

She slips into the soapy hot water sighing, she closes her eyes and feels alive! While she lets her worries melt away...

Guess what this is what could happen if you except my letter. My step moms name is Jerri and yes Jerri is not my real mom, but she has grown close to me, and that is why I want her to have a free day at the spa! Jerri has a great sense of humor so I'm sure you will enjoy having her there, if you choose my letter.

Oh, I'm sorry, my name is Jayden Bailey Shambeau. I'm in 5th grade so I'm eleven and I'm a girl. Anyway, back to my mom she has to take care of me, Mackenzie my sister, Olivia my step sister, and Evan my brother, so it difficult for her.

Now I hope you pick her and here are my reasons why.

She stares in frustration ready to tear her hair out while she looks back on her horrible day! My mom has a lot of stress. She has to support a big family with a son that never is full and eats like a bottom-less pit. Then when we have had a bad day at school we tell her and that dumps more stress on her! Our whole family can always tell when she is stressed, and it seems like she never relaxes. Then, after a hard day at work (wich is every day) she had to nap once she get home so she will have enough energy. To pile it on even more my brother Evan never listens to her because Jerri isn't our real mom. Also she has hyves from stress and because she is elergeic to mold and dust so she sneezes and blows all day. Evan just makes her feel terrible! So please make her feel better!

My mom Jerri is such a hard worker and does a lot for us and gets nothing in return. First she has to work to make money so we can survive and I would work buy I'm to young but that why I'm writing this letter so maybe you can relax her so she will get something in return!

Her day is something like this:

4:30 am she goes to work (Target). And then at 2:45 pm goes back home. Then take a nap, when she wakes up she makes dinner. Then she takes and shower and sleeps again to wake up at 4:30 and it starts all over. Then some days goes shpping for us, and cleans the house also worries about are problems.

So as you can see she really needs your help to calm down, relax and be worryless (for a while). I want to help her and if you pick me Jerri can catch her breath and I (and you) can help her. She really never gets to relax but now can she!!

She really needs this spa she is stressed out is always helping people to much but never gets to relax. So please, please, please, pick me and my mom to go to your amazing spa!

Please pick me,
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