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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO YOU...

whether you're a biological, adoptive, foster, surrogate, step, or bereaved mother or you care for, protect, coach, mentor, inspire and add meaning to the lives of children (and don't have the title of mother), Chrysalis honors and thanks you for your positive impact in our world.



This Mother's Day, we want to honor all women whose lives have been dedicated to the care and nurturing of children, and we're broadening our definition beyond biological, adoptive, foster, surrogate, step, or bereaved mothers. Whatever the title of the woman serving as **a strong and positive influence in the life of a child**, their impact is proven to improve health and longevity.

For the 108th year, Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 9, 2021. The concept originated with an "early feminist," Ann Reeves Jarvis, who in the 1800s helped start "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to teach women how to properly care for their children.

The clubs transitioned to "Mother's Friendship Day," when mothers gathered in an effort to reconcile the North and South after the Civil War. Inspiration also came from suffragette **Julia Ward Howe**, a poet and author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," who penned the "Mother's Day Proclamation" in an effort to promote world peace.

The evolution into a singular holiday took place in the early 1900s by Ann Jarvis's daughter, Anna, to commemorate the sacrifices mothers make for their children. Her efforts prompted President Woodrow Wilson in 1914 to proclaim Mother's Day as the second Sunday in May each year.

Although **Anna Jarvis** later decried the commercialization of Mother's Day, and went so far as to campaign against it, Mother's Day retains its original intent, even becoming a marker for the launch of **feminist and political causes benefiting women**.

There's been a significant shift in the role of mothers over the decades. Moms today are more educated, more involved in the labor force, and more often raising children on their own than ever before in history. However, the pandemic has wreaked havoc on mothers returning to work. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **almost 1.5 million fewer mothers** of school-aged children were working in March 2021 than in February 2020. Health concerns, childcare closures, virtual schooling, and lack of scheduling flexibility make returning to a job difficult, if not impossible. **Black and Hispanic mothers**, who disproportionately work in frontline positions, have struggled even more to maintain steady employment.

This Mother's Day, we invite you to consider a financial gift to the Chrysalis Foundation in honor of your mother, aunt, sister, neighbor, teacher, co-worker as a tribute to a special woman in your life... or as a way to celebrate your own life.

Make your gift and honor a special mother/woman in your life

When you make a donation in honor or memory of someone, we'll send a special card to notify them or their family of your recognition and support of other girls and women in their name.

Mother's Day is a wonderful time to pause and thank your mom, the woman who is like a mother to you, or the woman who has made a difference in your life.

We'd like to celebrate them with you!

