

Message
to

Mom

My mother is special
because ...

Her children are top priorities. Never has she missed a holiday. She always makes sure everyone is settled to eat, before she eats. She is never critical. She is as beautiful inside as she is outside. Her cooking is always deliciously homemade. She is the true meaning of "LOVE."

Tracy Lynn Richardson
Farmington Hills
mother: Donna Joyce

Heaven's rumor is that newborn babies select their mothers. She is my hero, and rumor is factual.

With fixed income, her JOY is sharing appreciation rewards. After groceries are packed, her check is cashed, or her RX is filled, each "worker" receives candy from MOM as thanks. You're my lifesaver!

Irene Fields
West Bloomfield
mother: Elizabeth Lucas

My mother is so special, unique in every way.

She's giving, kind and loving, every single day. She's a whirlwind of energy, someone who shares. Taking care to take care of her children and theirs. An example of motherhood above and beyond. Mother dear Mother, I'm glad you are mine.

Patricia Croughan
Ossining, N.Y.
mother: Patricia Mooney

My mom is very special to me for many reasons. The most important thing is that she gives me lots of love. For example, every night she comes into my room to tuck me in and give me a good night kiss.

That is the thing that makes my mom so special.

Kristen Kluka
Farmington Hills
mother: Marilyn Kluka

My mother's special because she's not only my mom but my friend. Last year, when my best friend, Melissa Garr, was in a coma, my mom was there for me. She cried with me, came to the ICU with me, and most importantly was there when I needed a hug.

Amanda Faughnan
Farmington Hills
mother: Johanna Faughnan

Mother
Taught me the alphabet when I was young.

Better than classmates I was among.

Here's an alphabet about her: Agile, Bold, Creative, Daring, Elegant, Funny, Gorgeous, Helpful, Integrity, Joyous, Kicky, Loving, Magical, Negotiable, Open-minded, Perfect, Queer, Recreational, Solemn, Towering, Understanding, Venturous, Wonderful, X-traordinary, Yeassayer, Zoophilam.

Hilary Michalak
Farmington Hills
mother: Mary Michalak

My Mom is the best Mom in the world because she is very kind and extremely loving. I know that no matter what hap-

pens she is the one person I can count on to always be there for me. I'm proud to be her daughter and will always love her.

Sarah Janine Keller
Farmington Hills
mother: Tracy Keller

I think my Mom is special because she loves me very much. She wakes up for school by ticking me every morning and she lets me watch TV and eat popcorn some nights. She takes good care of me by helping me when I'm sick. I love my Mom!

Sarah Forbes
Farmington Hills
mother: Irene Forbes

Throughout my entire life, I've had a single best friend whose stood by me through every trouble, encouraged me, helped me, and loved me. Even though we have some troublesome times, she still stands by me all the way. My best friend is my mom, and she will be forever.

Sarah Miller
Farmington Hills
mother: Donna Miller

My mom is a working mother who has always been there for my sister and I. My mom would wake up at 4:30 a.m. so she could leave work early and get me to my lessons. I don't know very many people who would do that for their child.

Liz Maue
Northville
mother: Sue Maue

My mother is special. She is always there to comfort and support me. She strives to make us happy and make our days fun. She helps us with problems and homework. She makes our dinners, washes our clothes, drives us around, and cleans our house. I love my mom.

Christine Rinke
Farmington Hills
mother: Maureen Rinke

My mom is very special to me. And to everyone that she sees. She is never, ever mad at you. And always says I love you too. Even if you're really bad. She forgives and isn't mad. So I guess I want her to know. That everybody loves her so.

Jaclyn McKinney
Farmington Hills
mother: Dawn McKinney

My mom's special because of her unfaltering love, unselfishness, and endless generosity. She's sacrificed financially for us, but most importantly, she has given and keeps giving - from her heart and soul. She's 83 with two artificial knees, but would walk to the moon for you if you needed her to.

Carole Kubitskey
Farmington Hills
mother: Anne Bendick

She gives tender loving care. When I need someone to listen, laugh or chill with, she is my best friend. If I am dazed and confused she shows me reality. My mother is special to me because she is ALL that I need and more wrapped into one beautiful person.

Kathy Dillard
West Bloomfield

mother: Marion Dillard

I think my mom is special because she loves me, she takes care of me, she keeps me healthy and safe. My mom makes my life easier.

Kristen Cliff
Gill Elementary School
mother: Wendy Cliff

My mom is special because she has loving parents and children. She is also special because she has a good sense of humor. My mom is special because she doesn't care what other people think about her. She is special because she is a nice person. My mom is special because she has a loving family!

Kelly Burgess
Gill Elementary School
mother: Becky Burgess

Mom, you are special in many ways. You are so loving and caring and so extra nice. You decorate the house so nicely and you always have great ideas. But most of all you're a loving caring mom who gives us a home and cares for our family.

Chloe MacKinnon
Gill Elementary School
mother: Linda MacKinnon

Mrs. Ella Brye is special because she is caring. She is also special because she is encouraging. I also love her because she helps me with my homework. She is nice because she lets me and my brother go bike riding sometimes. She is special because I love her.

Alexandria Brye
Gill Elementary School
mother: Ella Brye

My mom is special because she makes my lunch every morning for school. My mom is special because she helps me with my homework. My mom is special because she makes me dinner every night. My mom is very,



Every morning you're up to see me to school. To pick me up, Drive me here or there. You wait patiently to use the phone, and you listen while I moan. You faithfully cook every night, and comfort me when I'm in fright. This is why I love you!

Leah Yurasek
Farmington Hills
mother: Gail Piepenburg



Winning team: Rosalind Silver (left) and her daughter, Shari.

Editor's note: It wasn't easy, but we had to select a winner among the numerous entries to our Mother's Day contest. The following response is our winner, and the author will get a \$50 certificate for dinner for four at Brass Point Food & Spirits in Farmington Hills.

My mother is special because ... My mom and I were strolling along the ocean shore searching for seashells. I began jogging ahead of her. I glanced at her from a distance, and tears of joy swelled in my eyes. Instantly, she smiled back, completely unaware of how her presence affects me.

Shari Silver
Farmington
mother: Rosalind Silver

very, very, very special to me.

Michael Ludke
Gill Elementary
mother: Juanita Ludke

She cooks very good meals and always makes the perfect touches. I love the way that she doesn't yell at me much. She always lets me play and sleep over too. I love her and I know she loves me too.

Dennis Johnson
Gill Elementary School
mother: Beth Johnson

I love my mom. She special for me. I need her every day. She cooks very good meals every day. She helps me with my homework. She takes me to shop. She tucks me in at bed time. She helps me with projects. But best of all is that you are my mom.

Cicely Joseph
Gill Elementary
mother: Treza Joseph

My mom is special because she always takes care of me. She will always care for me and love me. My mom is also special because when I have to go somewhere she takes me there. Last but not least, she always jokes around with me.

Jessica Wummel
Farmington Hills
mother: Gayle Wummel

My mom is special because she

wakes me up in the morning so I don't miss the school bus. When I lose something she helps me find it. She takes care of me when I am sick. She makes me food so I don't starve. She says good night and I go to bed.

Dianna Segovia
Farmington Hills
mother: Jeanette Segovia

My mom is special because she cooks me food. She cooks me pizza. She buys me a video when I'm bored. She buys a toy for me when I'm lonely. But the most special thing about my mom is she helps me with my homework. My mom is the best.

Karthik Prabhu
Gill Elementary
mother: Laxmi Prabhu

My mom is special to me because she does lots of things for me. She makes me meals and does the laundry, takes me places and helps me if I'm hurt. I really like my mom. She also keeps me healthy. The best part is she loves me too!

Andrew Gariepy
Gill Elementary School
mother: Kathleen Gariepy

My mom is sweet because when I miss the bus she drives me. When I say a bad word she

sends me to my room. She makes me breakfast, lunch and dinner. Often she gets me a video game but I have to earn it or I don't get it.

Michael Wiktor
Gill Elementary
mother: Sue Wiktor

My mom is very special because she gives me things I need. She teaches me some things I need to know and she takes me places I want to go. That is only some of the reasons my mom is very special.

Allison Rieth
Gill Elementary School
mother: Ellen Rieth

My mom is special because she takes care of me when I'm sick. When I'm supposed to wake and I don't, my mom does it. Then I go straight to school.

Mari Donovan
Gill Elementary School
mother: Linda Donovan

My mom is special to me because she loves me when I'm sad. She takes me to hockey practice when I have it. My mom cares for me when I am hurt. To me she is the sweetest mom in the whole world.

Phillip Sontag
Gill Elementary School
mother: Mary Rose Sontag

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Crawford new assistant at FHS

Bob Crawford was named new Farmington High School assistant principal during Tuesday's school board meeting. Crawford joined the district as a social worker in 1990. He will fill the position vacated by John Barrett, who recently was picked to become FHS principal. Barrett, meanwhile, is currently working with principal James Myers during the final weeks of the school year to ensure a smooth transition. Myers is leav-

ing the high school to join central administration.

Catherine Cost will continue as the second assistant principal at the Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School.

"Bob will do an excellent job," Myers said.

Crawford, a resident of Huntington Woods, holds a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master of social work degree from Wayne State University.

Among his accomplishments in Farmington Public Schools, Crawford: developed and implemented the Adventure Challenge Program; helped conceive and develop conflict resolution and peer mediation programs; chaired the committee that developed a sexual harassment curriculum for the high schools; chaired the committee that assessed and evaluated Farmington High School's restructuring project.

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