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Nobody Like Mom

“A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take” is a quote I came across while scrolling through my Facebook feed. I couldn’t agree more with this statement. I can recall being a very young child, and believing that my mother was a superhero! She could do what no other person could do for me. My mother always knew how to ease any pain or sadness I had. She was my moon during the most confusing, darkest days and the sunlight that warmed my spirit. My mother was and still remains kind, patient, caring, selfless, wise and full of love which are characteristics that are vital to have when raising children. I could not imagine what my childhood would be like without her. Gratefully, I find myself exuding these traits with my first born.

About eight months ago, I became a first time mother. I remember all of the labor pains, emotions and the actual birth of my daughter like it was yesterday. The moment I saw her, it seemed as though the world stopped and all noises ceased. The grueling pain completely disappeared as I stared in awe at a child that formed perfectly in my womb. While I was lost in her eyes and the sound of her crying, I began making promises to her. I remember saying, “I promise you that I will be the best mother that I can be. I promise to protect you and to love you forever.” The connection I felt, was like no other I have ever experienced. I was completely in love. I then understood why my mother was such a great one.

This unconditional love will give you the patience and peace that you’ll need through the most trying times. I remember an instance when I felt myself becoming overwhelmed because of the responsibilities that continued to pile upon me but all the worries and concerns quickly vanished because of my love for her. Stressful moments seemed to always turn into teachable moments. I would find myself going back in time reflecting on how my mother handled situations as motivation to keep doing my best. I am forever thankful and truly blessed to have a mother that created such a solid foundation. Without her, I wouldn’t be half the woman I am for my daughter.

Mothers are to be cherished and noticed for all the hard work they do in this world which is how we approach working with moms at Darlington County First Steps. Being a mother requires great responsibility and is one of the hardest, most rewarding jobs. Kind words of gratitude goes a long way so on this Mother’s Day, I encourage you to express how appreciative you are to any women who has been a mother figure in your life. We celebrate motherhood with you this May and every month after. Happy Mother’s Day!