

VOICES OF MOTHERHOOD

Motherhood is often described as a journey, but for every mother, the path is uniquely her own. It is filled with moments of joy and challenge, unexpected lessons, quiet triumphs, and connections that shape not only the lives of our children, but our own as well.

In celebration of Mother's Day, BAMBI Magazine invited mothers from across our community to reflect on the experiences that have defined their journey. We asked them to share what motherhood has taught them about themselves, the moments with their children they will cherish forever, and the message they would like to offer to mothers everywhere.



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Motherhood helped me find a depth of love and self-esteem I never imagined I could feel. When my children call out for me, when their little arms wrap tightly around me, when they simply say that my presence makes their world brighter—those moments transform me. I've realized that being "Mom" is not just a role, but a source of profound meaning. Their unconditional love has lifted me from doubt, teaching me that I am enough, just as I am. Because of them, I have learned to embrace myself with tenderness, to see my own light reflected in their eyes, and to cherish the woman I have become.

Kanae Tsuyuki

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Motherhood taught me that I'm far more patient than I ever thought I could be. I considered myself a fairly patient person, but becoming a mom took it to a whole new level. It taught me how to stay calm in the middle of chaos, not get upset over little things, and be more accepting of different personalities. It has also made me more understanding and empathetic toward others. That's probably one of the biggest surprises motherhood has given me.

Erica Jeong

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If I could share one message with mothers everywhere this Mother's Day, it would be this: give yourself more grace. Motherhood is filled with beautiful moments, but it can also be messy, exhausting, and uncertain. We spend so much time wondering if we're doing enough, saying the right things, or making the right decisions. Yet our children don't need perfect mothers—they need mothers who love them, show up for them, and keep trying, even on the hard days. I've learned that some of the most meaningful moments aren't the big milestones. They're the everyday moments: reading one more story, sharing a meal together, holding a little hand, or hearing "Mama" called from another room. Those small moments are what make up a childhood. So, this Mother's Day, I hope every mother takes a moment to recognize just how much she is already doing and how deeply she is loved.

Eknam Kaur



Here I am!



The moments with my two sons that I will treasure forever are the bedtime cuddles, the never-ending storytelling throughout the day, and even more stories at bedtime. The way both of them ask me for hugs, warm cuddles, and a "1000 kisses", as they like to say, every night. They ask for alone time with me in their respective rooms, to share whatever comes to mind and their curious thoughts, their feelings, and even questions that I myself am not ready to answer such as "Mama, when you pass away, Babaji, our Guru, will show us the right way, right?" It means so much to me because I know that these days are limited and so precious—their stories, their inner world that I can be a part of because they've asked me—because I am still their person. Children grow up very fast, the days seem never ending but the years are short. I love that they still want me, my hugs, my kisses before bedtime. I love that they find me a safe space to share their inner world—which means the world to any mother. And honestly, I love knowing I'm still needed in their lives, because there will be a day when I am no longer needed as much. The stories will stop, the questions will lessen, the communication between us will be different and that's why this time with my kids matters so much to me.

Sneha Sethi



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One moment I'll always treasure is the quiet time I spent with my son when he was still a baby. I'd gently sway with him in my arms in a peaceful room, with soft sunlight coming through the window and the curtains moving gently in the breeze. As I listened to his little breaths, I'd lean down and smell his sweet baby hair. Those simple moments filled me with so much happiness. Children grow up so fast. I know that one day, when my son is older, I'll look back fondly on those happy days of holding him in my arms and gazing into his eyes. What felt like an ordinary moment has become one of my most precious memories. It was a peaceful and special time that won't ever come back.

Chiharu Watanabe

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Becoming Samantha's mum gave me something I didn't expect—the chance to rediscover myself. Motherhood has a way of blocking all the noise and showing you what actually matters. I used to think Motherhood was about having everything sorted perfectly. I was wrong. Samantha has taught me that life isn't about perfection. It's about showing up, even on the hard days. It's about laughing at the chaos, sitting with the uncertainty, and finding joy in the smallest moments you never thought you'd treasure. Every single day she teaches me something new about patience, about love, and about myself. She's not just my daughter; she's my greatest teacher.

Rosalia Chan Tung

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We are wonderful. Let us celebrate the unique qualities that make each of us special. Our children love us just as we love them. Cheers to all mothers!

Aoi Nakazawa

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You do not have to be perfect to be exactly what your child needs. In the middle of a move, a difficult season, or an overwhelming day, your child is not looking for a parent who never struggles. They are looking for a parent who stays, who shows up, and who reaches for connection before solutions. Your calm presence, your willingness to listen, and your ability to say, “I don’t have all the answers, but I am here,” are what safety feels like to a child. You are already more than enough.

Susan Saxtorph

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Motherhood taught me I’m stronger than I ever knew. Not in the loud, obvious ways—but in the quiet, relentless kind of strength that shows up at 3am, that loves fiercely even when you’re running on empty. Now, expecting my second child, I find myself returning to that strength again—a little more trusting of it this time. It’s the greatest gift motherhood has given me.

Barsha Saha

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One thing motherhood has taught me about myself that I never expected to learn is how strong I truly am. Becoming a mother showed me a strength I didn’t know I had, the strength to keep going through sleepless nights, challenges, and worries, while always putting my child first. It has taught me patience, sacrifice, and how to stay calm even when things feel overwhelming. Motherhood has also helped me appreciate the little things in life. A hug, a smile, or hearing my child laugh can turn an ordinary day into a special one. My child inspires me every day, and through motherhood I have discovered a stronger, more grateful version of myself.

Gracia Smith

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Motherhood is challenging. It is non-stop. It's a rollercoaster of emotion. If you're like me and prefer the teacups ride, twirling lazily around to uplifting music, well, it can be a ride that you don't feel you asked for. But with the storm comes the rainbows, the moments of overwhelming joy. Those tears of happiness that sting our eyes and pull on our heart strings. We often hear so much about the triggers, but these moments are the glimmers. They keep us going. They bring joy to our daily life, and they are the essence of our connection with our children, and with ourselves as mothers. So, when times are hard, I invite you to remember this quote "the days are long, but the years are short." An invitation to embrace the madness and lean into joy and laughter. *Carpe Diem.*

Laura Devos

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Some of my favorite moments with my children are when they suddenly do a new skill or use a new word or concept for the first time. Especially when I had no idea they were close to doing the new thing, and it surprises me. My baby stacked some rings this morning and I had no idea she knew how to do that, and then I watched my three-year-old glide on her balance bike for the first time after many months of refusal. It's so much fun to watch them grow and learn things and make connections about the world. They fascinate me, and I could happily watch them do their thing all day long.

Ilana Cliffer

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Motherhood has taught me that love can exist alongside guilt, exhaustion, laughter, and complete chaos—all at the same time. Before becoming a mother, I thought being a good parent meant always being present, always being patient, and somehow having everything under control. Then Avira came along and completely changed my definition of motherhood. Somedays, I am juggling work calls, deadlines, and endless to-do lists. Yet in the middle of all that, a tiny voice saying, "Mumma, look at me!" instantly becomes the most important thing in the world. I've learned that children don't measure love by how many hours you spend with them. They measure it in the little moments—reading the same story for the tenth time, stopping to admire a butterfly, or listening to a very important story about a clay creation. One thing I never expected to learn about myself is how much joy I can find in slowing down. Avira has taught me to notice things I used to rush past—the excitement of spotting a butterfly, the pride of doing something independently, or the endless giggles that come from absolutely nothing. Motherhood has also taught me that perfection is overrated. Some days the house is messy, dinner is simple, and my to-do list remains unfinished. But if we end the day cuddled together, talking about our day and laughing at something silly, it feels like a success. The greatest lesson Avira has taught me is that children don't need perfect mothers. They need mothers who love them, show up for them, and keep trying every day. And that has been both the most humbling and the most beautiful discovery of my life.

Deshna Bhansali



If there's one thing motherhood has taught me, it's that I am capable of much more than I ever gave myself credit for. It has pushed me beyond my comfort zone in ways I never expected and shown me strengths I didn't know I had. There have been moments of exhaustion, uncertainty, and self-doubt, but there have also been moments of incredible joy, pride, and love. Through it all, I've learned to trust myself more, to be kinder to myself when things don't go perfectly, and to appreciate the beauty in everyday moments. Motherhood isn't just about raising a child but it's also about discovering and growing into the person you're meant to be.

Angela Odel

