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Parental Wisdom – Emails

Mom's Job Description vs.

Celebrity Mom's Entourage

We applaud as they sit on Oprah's couch just weeks after giving birth, back to their svelte bodies as they tell us how wonderful motherhood is. They are celebrity moms, and babies are the new 'must have' accessory.

The reason they are svelte and *showered* is because the adage 'it takes a village to raise a child' has a totally different meaning for celebrity moms. They gush about the joy of having children, while we somehow do without the personal trainer, nutritionist, dietician, stylist - and let's not forget round-the-clock nannies, housekeepers and nurses that take care of the kids. We're lucky if we get to use the bathroom alone.

We suffer from 'momnesia' where we lose our memories because so much attention is spent on the children. We're putting a load of laundry in as we get dinner started, homework checked, schedule doctors visits, and fundraise for little league all of which begins after we get home from work. And Microsoft invented multi-tasking?

Our prizes are not awards and our outings are not on the red carpet where the paparazzi fights to take our pictures. But we forever have the mental images of the parks, games, concerts, school plays, graduations and family dinners as we're blessed with the most wonderful gift - each other.

Remember, we're in this together so the next time a three-year-old is having a meltdown at the checkout line at Target, ask the mom if she needs a hand. Let's not judge each other's choices about working or staying at home, or how we spend what little time we have. Just give a nod, a smile and sometimes an encouraging word - after all, we share the world's greatest job title - Mom.

Happy Mother's Day.