

The Toughest Job That You'll Ever Love

American Moms Share Their Trials and Tribulations for Their Labor of Love in a Nationwide Survey

EXTON, Pa., Aug. 29 /PRNewswire/ -- Mother -- she is a doctor who prescribes kisses that really do cure scrapped knees. She is a judge who settles disputes with firmness and finesse. She is a nutritionist who says a banana is still a serving of fruit, even if it is doused with chocolate sauce. She draws a salary of sticky kisses and hand-picked dandelions. And, her interior decorator would turn a blind eye to the Popsicle stick artwork and finger paintings that cover every inch of the refrigerator door. This Labor Day, Graco Children's Products, the company that looks to moms for product innovations and ideas, honors one of America's most important occupations, title Mom, with a survey that celebrates those "occupational hazards" that just have to make them laugh.

The Celebrating Motherhood – A True Labor of Love survey polled more than 3,000 mothers with children ages one to 12 and asked moms, including celebrities Rachel Hunter, Jennie Garth, Dayna Devon and Natasha Henstridge, to share the high and low points of being CEO of their own enterprise -- their family. The nationwide survey was conducted by independent research firm, Directive Analytics.

"At Graco, we understand the job of mom can be challenging at times but the payoffs make it worth it," says Kathy Williams, Chief Marketing Officer of Graco Children's Products and mother of two. "With this survey, we embrace the appreciation moms have for their full-time positions, no matter what their work compensation may be."

"As moms, we often feel pressure from our peers, society, and ourselves to just give give give, all the time," says Jessica Hartshorn, senior lifestyle editor at American Baby magazine. "Sometimes you have to step back and stop trying to make life perfect. Just be yourself, trust your instincts, and remember to take time to enjoy the ride."

According to the survey, a large percentage of moms who are working to make the beds, wash behind the ears and clean the oatmeal that was somehow launched to the ceiling, strongly identify with the mantra, "sometimes you just have to laugh." Celebrity moms like actresses Jennie Garth and Natasha Henstridge, supermodel Rachel Hunter and TV show host Dayna Devon can relate to this mantra as well, although Rachel Hunter also believes "this too shall pass."

What about a salary for what some people would argue as the most demanding profession in the world? When working overtime, most moms (22 percent) feel rewarded just with smiles from their children or even watching their child discover something for the first time (21 percent). An additional 19 percent found their favorite little reward to be sticky kisses and hugs from their children.