



HOME: WHERE THE HEART IS

HOW WILL YOU MAKE YOUR MOTHER'S DAY?

MOTHERS ARE WISE AND ALWAYS RIGHT... WE CERTAINLY wouldn't argue that! But did you know that most of our mothers are more valuable than an executive? According to a 26,000 stay-at-home mums and 14,000 working mothers surveyed by salary.com, the typical stay-at-home mother is worth \$140,000 for being a housekeeper, a cook, a day care centre teacher, a laundry machine operator, a taxi driver, a facilities manager, a computer operator, a caretaker, a chief executive and a psychologist. On average, mum puts in 92 working hours over a seven day week. So isn't it about time to celebrate your mum and acknowledge all the sweat, love and tears that have gone into bringing you up to be the wonderful being that you are today? Mother's Day is coming soon (Sunday May 10th). This is the perfect opportunity to give a little back and treat your mum like the star she is for the day.

Mother's Day gifts don't have to be expensive to make her day either. With a little bit of creativity and thought there's plenty of scope to put a smile on your mum's face. Breakfast in bed, a fun activity or day out with the family (well-behaved children are a must for this!), a personalised card telling her how appreciated she is, a bunch of hand-picked flowers are all a great way to make mum feel treasured. If your mum is the sort of person that is constantly racing around doing things for other people, then why not think about gifts that help calm and relax? A pampering session and some time out from her motherly duties. Charlie's Angels Lifestyle Managers are now offering original and unique 'Gift of Time' vouchers which means mum can relax and spend time doing the things she really wants to be doing (including some quality time with her family) without the nagging dread of all the housework and chores that await her at home. Take mum out to lunch and when she returns home the house will be sparkling, the ironing done, the DVDs returned, the dry-cleaning collected and that photo she always wanted framed will be hanging on the wall. She can put her feet up and have a cuppa (or a wine!) while telling you how wonderful you are. **PN**

Oh and one more thing for the men: even if she is not YOUR mother, don't forget her. After all she is the mother of your children! www.charliesangels.co.nz/gift.htm