

A Day In My Life....

I have two boys both age 9 and a 13-year-old girl. And since we are mentioning age, I will only state that I was around when Ike was President.

The alarm in our house goes off between 4:45-5am. During the school year, we are all up and out of the house by 6:50am. My son goes to school 20 miles away and my other son goes to school close to home. My daughter goes to school 15 miles away. I try to have everyone delivered to their school by 8 am. The original plan was that I would then be able to go to the Y and work off some weight and stress. However, I have found that a nap works better.

After school, they all do their homework, if they have any. If not, the boys read a book to me while I make dinner and my daughter listens to music on her headphones. One of the boys recently thought if he read me a cookbook, dinner would be edible. Thank God for complete meals in a box!

Now that I have your attention, I really can't imagine a life without these children.

They come to me from various backgrounds, morals, values and standards. While I have my way of running my home, I also have to consider the fact that they may not have had the same experiences my biological children had growing up. These children are taken from their homes and placed into the home of a stranger. They are scared, worried, anxious and fearful of what the future will bring. The first thing this child needs is to know that you will do your best to protect, guide, feed, house and cloth them. Safety, security and trust are of the utmost concern to this child.

Some days are easy; some days are not. Maintaining a sense of humor helps you make it through the hard and difficult times. The staff you work with are supportive and help give you a different outlook when you feel you have run out of answers. In later years, a child that you felt you just didn't effect, will call you and tell you how grateful they are that you took the time and effort to share your life and home with them. This is what makes this type of work the most exciting and rewarding job on earth.

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