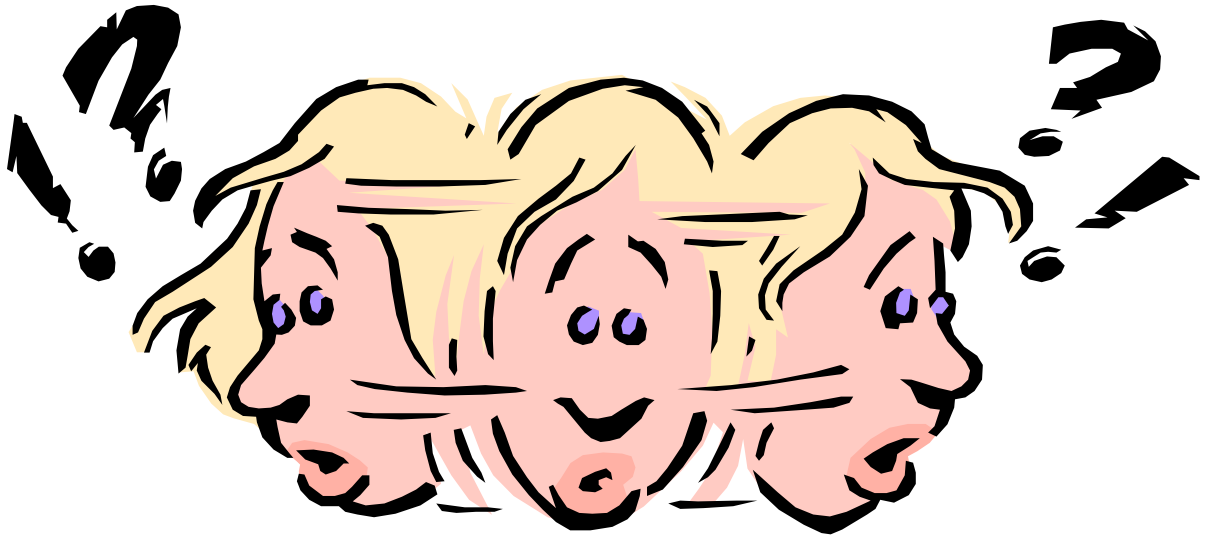


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In and Outside the Home

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Women That Work In and Out of the Home

Sandy's Story

By Wanda

Sandy was seventeen years old when she had her daughter. The first few months were hard, but manageable. Then the baby's father started drinking and hitting her. She put up with the abuse for eight months. When she had had enough, she threw him out. In order to beat her down one last time, he stole the rent and baby formula money. He left Sandy and his daughter with no money or place to live.

So at the age of eighteen Sandy found herself broke, soon to be homeless, and raising an infant child. Not exactly how she pictured her life to be. Sandy had one month to find a job and an apartment. She searched through the classified ads for almost three weeks, and then her luck began to change. One ad read, "One bedroom apartment, in exchange for work."

Sandy called for an appointment, and got one for the same day. The woman explained that the job was typing and stuffing envelopes, and also included a small monthly salary. The two women talked over some coffee, and by the time Sandy left she had the job. Sandy was on cloud nine when she left because she had a job and an apartment.

Being a single mother and working from home was harder than Sandy thought. The baby was quite active and all over the place, but Sandy made it work. Sandy worked for the lady for five years. Then she was told that they could stay in the apartment for a low rent, but the job no longer existed. Having no job and no money, Sandy went to welfare.

She asked if they would help her to get back on her feet. They said that they would, if she went back to school and finished her education. Sandy graduated in four years, and started her own daycare business. So, except for the four years of school, Sandy has worked from home.

Sandy's daughter is all grown now with children of her own, and appreciates everything that Sandy did for her.

The moral of this story is that when life throws you lemons you make lemonade, and move on.

Women's Work

By Rodcliffe

In today's society, women play an important role both inside and outside the home, even around the house for their love ones and family.

First let's start in the home. A woman does housework like cleaning the kitchen, doing dishes, cleaning the bathroom and living room. The cleaning consists of mopping, vacuuming, wiping down the walls and dusting and some times even taking out the garbage.

Women pay the bills too and feed the children and also, do a lot of baking like when it is Christmas time or any other celebration.

Now outside the home, women do various types of jobs like nursing, secretary, teaching and even being a cashier and other jobs too, like working in the bank and hotels, but first they have to send their children to school. They got to pack their lunch pack and when the children get home from school, the woman helps them with their homework.

I guess for women, speaking as a man, women have it hard with all those responsibilities. Just hang in there and don't give up.



Women's Equality

By Robert

For thousands of years it is said that women have dominated work inside the home. In the last century, women have stepped up and made their voices heard in the workplace.

In the early 1960's, women's rights activists made it known that there are no laws in Canada that state a female cannot do any work that a male can. Whether it is a drill sergeant or a dance instructor, you name the occupation, women have done it.

I could not sit down and write the names of all the women who have done so much incredible work in this lifetime. Princess Diana, Mother Teresa, and Karin Kain are just some of the women who have done so much amazing work.

The woman that I would like to talk about is an author by the name of Deborah Ellis who wrote one of the most moving and compelling books that I have ever read called *Parvanah's Journey*. This book is about a young girl who lives in Afghanistan and was separated from her mother. Her father and brother were killed because of war. This book shows that women of all ages can be brave, loving, and courageous. Most rewarding is to know that all royalties from the sale of this book will go to Women for Women, an organization that helps women in Afghanistan who were victims of war.

So the point of this article is that it does not matter your creed or color, whether you are male or female. We are all equal in this world.



A Mother: Inside and Outside of Home

By Jennifer

I am a single mother of three. I go to school five days a week. After school I go home and cook dinner for my family. I also have to do my homework. I also have to do shopping, cleaning the home and do the laundry.

I go to work four days a week. Most of the work that I do outside my home is cleaning people's homes. It's not the best thing, but it helps to put food on the table. Sometimes I look after the elderly. I also do babysitting. It's a living. It's not the best but when you do not have an education, you have to do what you have to do. It's hard sometimes and it is so stressful. Working and going to school is a challenge.

It is so hard for a single mother to take care of her children because it is a very big job. The more they grow, the bigger your challenges are with them.

Being a single mother is hard but it is worth it.



What Women Do Inside and Outside the Home

By Jeff

Women are very busy working in and outside the home. They are very determined to achieve their goals.

Some women thrive to work like my mother. She loves working outside the home and to stay busy so that she doesn't have to stay at home all day and be bored. She is very enthusiastic and likes to be challenged. However, other women like to stay at home like my grandmother. She liked to stay at home and take care of my uncles and work a little. She did most of the housework but my uncles had to help her in doing the chores.

From my point of view, women take big roles in the society. Women are unique and beautiful creatures. The biggest role women take is giving opportunities to new lives. If there were no women, then there would not be any human life on this earth

Women are born to be mothers just like wolves are born to survive in the wilderness. Most women love children and one of their own. Most of the time, you don't even have to teach women how to take care of their children. They just know usually because they learn from their mothers or it is just in their blood. For women, to have a child for the first time changes their lives completely. It changes the way they look at life and matures them toward the good. For example, my girl friend's mother had her kids and her mother had to give up everything she had and put them first. She was a single parent, so it was much harder to take care of children.

When women have children, their daily routine is to get up early and make meals for their kids. Then they get dressed and wake up their kids, feed them breakfast and take them to school. After that, they go to work. Then they pick them up from school, make dinner for them, do the laundry, go grocery shopping and finally go to bed with her kids. The next day, it starts all over again. It is very stressful for women to do all that stuff, but that is what they have to do because it comes with being a mother.

The majority of women, in the past, worked as nurses, caregivers, maids, elementary teachers. But now, a lot of women work as firefighters, cops, doctors, etc. When women put something in their minds, they usually achieve them. They are hard workers all the time.

Women are very sensitive people. They seem to take things to heart when someone says something to them. Usually, when someone says something mean to women, they try to handle it objectively right away. They are very understanding. They care about others and care about also those who care about them. They love socializing and creating close relationship with people.

This is my point of view of what I think women are like, but every woman is different and unique in her own way. All in all, women seem to do more work than men when it comes to looking after their home, kids and jobs.

My Mother's Accomplishments

By Percy

This is about my mother. Mother was a remarkable and hardworking woman who gave up her life in Jamaica so that her children could have a better life in Canada.

In Jamaica, Mom establish her own importing business selling vegetables. She did this to send her four children to school for an education. My Dad is a woodworker. He helped out with the bills at home and school. My parents worked hard for all four of us so we could have a better life.

My mom left us in Jamaica on her first trip to Canada. Then she got a job at the Sheraton center in Toronto to establish herself here. She got married four years after she came to Canada. She saved enough money in seven years to bring all her children to Canada after all her hard work.

She and husband took a second trip to Jamaica. She brought all four of her children to Canada on 04.14,1986. We first lived in a two bedroom apartment, and then we got a five bedroom apartment after four months in Canada. After five months she moved into a three bedrooms apartment with two children on her own and supported herself. Although there was many changes, mother made curtain we went to school. Mother always said, "Sticks and stones may break your bones, but a good education will never decay!" This means she wanted us to stay in school.

After five months, Mom passed away in June of 1987. This is what she accomplished in life. She brought four children in Canada so they can have a better life and education from her hard work. My mother was a remarkable woman. Thank you for reading this essay.

Women have it Hard in Life

By Monica

There was a beautiful young lady named Doloris. She was very courageous and outgoing. Doloris was very eager to follow her dream of becoming a nurse. She lived in the Caribbean with both of her parents, one sister and three brothers. Doloris went to school in the Caribbean and got her grade twelve. At the age of nineteen she went through a dramatic time. Doloris had lost her sister that was only seventeen. At the time Doloris was very unsure of herself. A year after her sister had passed away, Doloris had decided that she wanted to help people. She didn't want people to go through what she went through when her sister had passed away. That's when she had decided to become a nurse and to fulfill her dreams of helping people.

She gave a lot of thought into this decision. She had searched around for the best school for nursing. That's when Doloris had decided to move to London, England. When Doloris arrived she was very excited to start school. Then she started going to London College to get her degree in nursing.

She had met a man named Kevin. They had started dating and were together for about six months when they knew it was love and decided to have a baby. Nine months later Cecilia was born. Now Doloris had two responsibilities: her schooling and now her newborn.

Everything was going very good until a year later. She was pregnant for the second time. This pregnancy was a lot different from the first one. About three months into the pregnancy she found out that Kevin was a married man.

One night Doloris had received a phone call. Ring, ring. Doloris had picked up the phone.

“Hello?”

“Hi. Is Doloris there please?”

“This is her. Can I ask who speaking?”

“Yes, this is Kevin's wife.”

The conversation ended. Doloris was very upset that week but from the help of God she got through it. She was a very strong woman and knew no man could ever ruin her life.

She had two more months left of school, and had big plans after the two months were over. She had decided seven months into the pregnancy, she was moving to Canada to settle in Toronto, Ontario. Doloris never thought she could love again after the heartache Kevin had caused her. Two months later Doloris had a newborn and Cecilia. Five months after David was born she had thought about her nursing degree and was ready to do something with it.

Doloris had put out resumes everywhere. Finally Attentive Care, a home for the elderly, had called her and was conducting interviews and was wondering if Doloris was interested in the position. A week later Doloris had finally made her dream come true. Doloris was scared though she had no family, no friends, but a full time job and two kids to look after. Three months of stress, heartache, being scared and worried, she was ready to give up.

When one day, on her way to work she noticed the man driving the bus was the man of her dreams. For about two weeks Doloris always made sure she got on that bus. Finally, John the bus driver asked her out for dinner. From that night Doloris knew that he was the one for her. It turned out John was not married, had no kids, and was ready to be in a relationship. Both Doloris' kids had looked at John as a father figure. John was so good with kids; Doloris and he decide to have their own. They ended up having three of their own: Amanda, Anne, and Cynthia.

It was 1991 and by now Doloris had made her dream into a career, had five kids and was in a very happy marriage. Now it's 2000 and Doloris is now retired. Her kids are on their own. Doloris is very pleased at the life she has lived.



Women and How Far We have Come

By Leisa

For many years a women's place was said to be in the home. Her primary responsibilities were to cook, clean and look after the children. When women decided to stand up for their rights and involve themselves in the work force, they had to choose between the fast track at work or staying home to care for their children.

Fundamentally, a woman could opt for one of two choices in her work career. She could choose to not have children and get on the fast track, this competing equally with men, or she could choose the mommy track where options for taking extended leave or working part time would allow for balancing work and family. The second choice would pretty much prevent a woman from being made partner or becoming the top executive.

The belief that a man is the head of the home gave many the implication that it was the men's job to go to work and provide for the family while the women's job was to take care of the home by cooking, cleaning, washing and taking care of the children. No matter how much a woman wanted to work, there would be laws preventing her from entering to work force. However women were determined to be seen and heard, and later fight for the right to work outside of the home.

Times have changed and we are now dominating the work force. We no longer only cook, clean and change dirty diapers, we have educated ourselves and obtained professional and executive positions in large firms and organizations. We stood up for what we believed in, like independence, the freedom to choose and make our own decisions. Being able to work and take care of the home has made me develop my self-esteem to be able to help my husband with the bills in the home and has made me feel so much prouder of myself.

I have gained a lot of respect from my family and have been able to help other women enter the work force. To hear my husband say, "Honey how was the office? You look so tired. I'll help with dinner and the kids." It has brought joy to my life. No more am I thought of as just the woman of the house. My husband and I now share the responsibilities of the home after long days of work, and it has brought great strength and meaning to one marriage. For my husband it has brought a whole world of fun and happiness.

The Work that Women Do

By Joseph

I think women are resourceful. Women work in the home and also out of the home.

Cooking is one of the jobs that women do inside home. Women watch our children when they go out. Most women do not watch television all the time. Inside the home, women are very supportive of their spouse.

Outside the home, women work hard for their money. They do the same jobs as men. For example Pam M. is counselor for all of us. She is able to do what men do as counselors. Women work at being nurses, hair dressers, volunteers and sometime as students. They support the family.

Women are not only resourceful, but also flexible. They work in the home and outside the home to make a better life for their family. What would men do without women? Women are flexible, god like, truthful, special, and surprising.

The Ins and Outs of Women's Work

By Shelleke

A woman works inside the home and outside the home. Inside the home she does many jobs. Some of the jobs are cleaning, cooking, childcare, helping the kids with their homework, giving the kids a shower and getting the kids ready to go to school.

Outside the home, the woman goes to work to bring in extra money for the family. She takes the kids to school, attends teacher meetings, sometimes goes to the bank to pay bills, do discipline in the home keeping.

I believe women have done a tremendous job to maintain a family home.

The Strength of the Working Mother

By Kathy

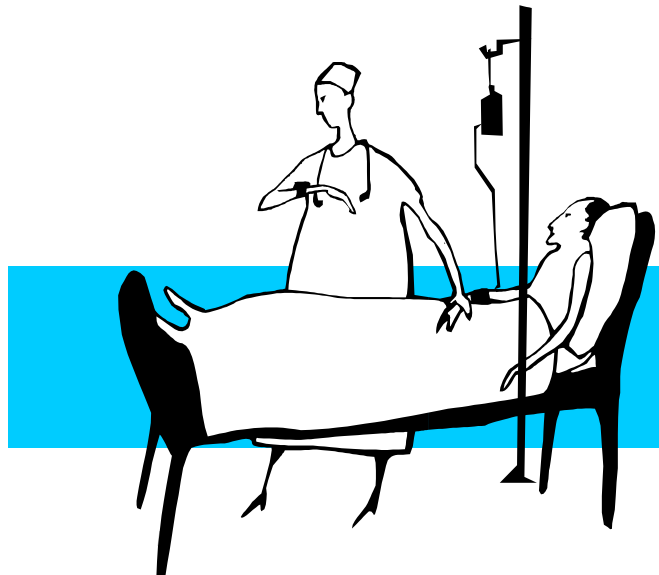
Hi, my name is Kathy. I come from a strong line of independent women. The people I am writing about have inspired me and given me the strength and will to be the person, mother and provider that I am today!

My mother, one of the strongest human beings I know, had seven children by the age of 25. She was the one who decided to stay home and take care of all the household duties and care for my brothers and sisters. She was happy doing this because my dad was the financial provider. Things were going very well. One day my dad had a horrible accident. He was never able to work again. That was when my mom decided that she had to take charge; she had to be the provider of the family. Then came the hard part, how was my mother going to work and care for the children and her spouse who was bed ridden? At that point we older children knew it was time to take responsibility and pitch in and help. My mother got a job. She worked five days a week and there was always a home cooked meal on the table every night. Anything around the house that needed to be done she took care of it! She always made time for her seven children. Her spouse had passed away. So now she was all alone with seven children. She kept on working. She would always tell her three daughters that it was very important to be independent and that there was no shame in a woman working in the home and having a career. My mother remarried, keeping her independence, and had one more child. That's one strong human being! I always looked at my mom as Mom, but she was so much more! She passed away at the young age of 54. My mom loved life! She said that she would do it all over again!

Next, I would like to tell you about my cousin *Erma*. She married her high school sweet heart. They both had made plans for their future. They had four children, and things were going well for them, and then all the problems started. My cousin's spouse developed Multiple Sclerosis and Erma decided she had to get a job. It was time for her to be the provider. It was really hard at first because she was a mom and a wife, and a nurse. I wondered if there were enough hours in a day for her. This person is truly a working mother and a great person.

And now I will tell you about another strong working mother! My *Aunt Audrey* became married. Her spouse was the provider. They were not rich people, but they lived comfortably. She had everything she could want! She had two wonderful children and had the most passionate love from a person who treated her as though she was his princess. My uncle then got sick and developed heart problems; he had a triple bypass and he was off work for quite some time. She went from Princess to Queen of the house. She got a job and enjoyed having a career. It gave great pleasure knowing she could provide for her family while her spouse was recuperating, She had been dealing with all this, and then she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had one breast removed. That did not get her down. She took it as another challenge that she had to be strong for. Strength and will have a lot to do with getting well and she did it! Audrey is back in the working world. My aunt and uncle are doing well and living life to the fullest once again.

These three women that inspired me have faced many challenges in their lives. But you really don't know what you are capable of doing until you are faced with your worst fears.



Women's Work

By Joan

Women today have to manage themselves well. They have to balance their career and their personal life in order to keep up with today's criteria.

My sister has a twenty-two year old daughter who she gave up a lot for. When my sister separated from her husband, she did not want another relationship! She raised her daughter alone from the age of three to the age of twenty-two years of age. It wasn't easy for her at the time because she started working for Bell Canada she did not go out much. She just dedicated her time to her daughter. Now her daughter also works for Bell Canada Full time and she will be entering university in September 2004.

My sister's job is that of an executive she travels from country to country representing Bell Canada. It was not like this at first. I remember her doing work with just computer print outs to begin with and then she moved herself up the corporate ladder. What else can I tell you about my sister's job? All I know is my sister saying "I spend most of my time in the boardroom.

I wasn't easy for my sister Susan balancing both jobs of being a mother and professional woman at once. She took her daughter to children's show, and paid for ballet and dance classes for her. She showed up at different activities, which the schools put on. She showed her daughter both dignity and grace. She also showed her how to be respectful to herself and to people, and to have a strong backbone. She also showed her daughter that the working woman fits into all categories. Also she told her that the working woman fights her way to the top and stopping at nothing to be heard.

Yes, my sister Susan juggled her personal life and professional to be a good mother to her daughter Dana! Looking at how she has come from a little girl with big eyes, and a ribbon on either side of her head. Yes, you could say I love her a lot. What else if anything else can say? Yes, Susan was successful balancing her personal life and her career.

Women: The Life Givers

By Standing White Wolf

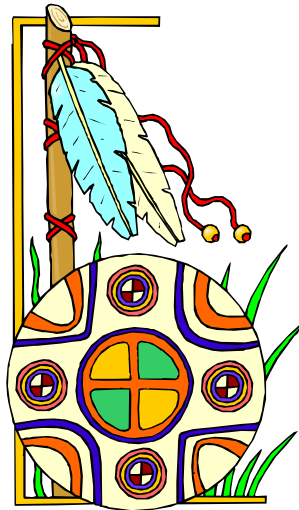
Dennis

The women are so resourceful that they know what to do. Women balance family and careers. Women are life givers in First Nations Peoples. That is what our Elder says to us.

In the home she is a wife that supports her hubby and comforts him. She keeps order in the family. She will cook good food and help the children with their homework and she also does the cleaning for her and the family.

She may have many professional roles like a paralegal officer or nurse and teacher, and many more professions. She may also be friend, a problem-solver and life-saver. Her communication skills have to be good to do these jobs. She would have to know how to talk to people to be a good problem-solver. As a friend, a woman has to be kind, a good listener, and have wisdom to give to others. As a life-saver she must have good parenting skills. For example she must know when to discipline the kids and also show kindness and love. As you can see, a woman has many good qualities to fulfill her roles.

Women are life givers, so we must say thanks and we love them for the work they do. Without them, we would not be here.



Women's Valuable Role in Society

By Rohan

Women have a valuable role in society. Women work in the home and outside the home.

In the home, women have to take care of children by cooking for them and making sure their laundry is done. They also pick up the children from daycare and they spend time with each other before the kids get settled for bed. After the children are asleep, the mother will clean up and get things prepared for the following day.

Women also play the role of wife and lover in the home. Building a strong relationship with her spouse is very important to maintain the bond within the family structure. A woman supports her partner, and gives suggestions so they can problem solve together. They show each other mutual respect by working as a team in the home. The mother sets a good example for her children by being a good wife.

Outside the home it is very good to have your wife help bring some income into the family because it helps to give the family a better standard of living. She may work as one of these: daycare worker, computer worker, volunteer worker, and caregiver. For example, if she works as a teacher in a daycare centre, the woman needs to have organizational skills and also good listening skills.

Anyone who has a good woman in their life should feel very special because finding a good woman is like going out to look for diamonds. It is very hard to find it, but when you put your hands on it, you feel like the luckiest person in the world.

Single Women

By Luisa

I'm going to talk about my mother and how she's an independent woman.

My mother is an independent woman, a woman who took care of her four brats on her own. She had two boys and two girls that she raised on her own. She has three kids that are three years apart and one that is older than the others. I asked her how she did it without any help. When the bills came in she would always pay them on time, but when she didn't have the money, she always found a way to pay them. Her kids were always happy for knowing that their mother raised them very well. When she would go shopping, she would have to bring all of us, and that must have been a handful for her. When the four of us were sick, she knew how to make it easy for herself.

I could always remember my mother making very good meals for her kids. When we would come home from school, our dinner was always ready for us. My mother would always have to cook two different things because one of us didn't like pork and the other one didn't like beef. She always made sure that her kids were happy with what they got to eat, especially me because I didn't like to eat pork. Even though he had made pork, she would find a way to make something else for me to eat.

My mother was a hard working woman when she would have to get up in the morning and get ready for work. But, before that, she would have to get us ready for school and then get herself ready to go. She would work from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm and that was hard for her because she didn't have anyone to help her out with her kids. My mother would leave work on her lunch break to come home to make dinner for her kids. When we got home from school, dinner was ready for us to eat. When she would get home from work, our chores would be done and she would help us with our homework. She would make sure that it was all done before we got to go and play with our friends.

That's what I think an independent woman is: a woman who can deal with the consequences. A strong woman like my mother is an independent person. Today she only has one of us living with her. Now I'm taking care of her when she gets sick. The tables have turned. She showed me how to be an independent woman.

The Work Women Do at Home and Outside the Home

By Gloria

Women of today have more than one job. Many women work inside home as well as outside home.

Many women do house work and look after their kids. They cook, bake, wash, clean, dust and do so many other kinds of housework. Sometimes, they don't have the time to sleep. They just keep working all day and night with no rest. Anyway that life sometimes makes them feel like running away, but that itself is life.

They have also to take care of their children. Their days start early in the morning. If they are mothers, they must get their children ready for school or daycare as well as themselves in the morning. They have to wake them up in the morning. They have to get their children's breakfast ready while they are brushing their teeth and taking shower. They dress and take them to school or daycare. When their daytime job is over, their nighttime job begins.

In the evening, they cook dinner, relax and take time with their children. She helps with homework, give the children their baths before putting them to bed for the night.

Many women work outside the home. They do every kind of job that men do. Actually we find more women in the jobs of elementary school teachers, daycare providers, nurses, doctors, administrators, personal support workers, social workers, and so on. The reason is that they are more caring, nurturing, patient, kind, responsive and sensitive to the needs of adults and children.

Whatever they do at home or outside the home, as mothers or single women, is very important for the whole society. Their children learn from them to be independent and hard working. They always put their efforts to help and protect their children, family, and the rest of the society.

The Work Women do at Home and Outside the Home

By Peter

At home a woman goes to bed early and gets up early in the morning to clean the living room, bathroom, and kitchen floor. She also washes the dishes, and makes the beds. After that, she takes the kids to the bathroom to brush their teeth and take a shower and cooks breakfast for the whole family. Then she takes the kids to school.

While the children are away, she finishes the cleaning of the house and prepares lunch for her kids. When lunchtime gets closer, she brings back her kids home and gives them lunch. After that she takes them back to school.

During the afternoon, she brings the kids back home and prepares dinner for them. She, then, helps them with their homework and gets them to go to bed in the evening.

During the weekends, she takes her kids to the playground to have fun and play with other kids. She also takes her kids to the shopping malls and grocery stores.

Outside the home, she works as a bus driver, doctor, policewoman, and fire fighter. She may go back to school to become like a teacher or a doctor.

I believe a woman is hardworking and smart whether she works at home or outside the home.



The Work that Women Do In and Outside the Home

By Christina

Home is usually a place where a family dwells. It is usually the mother, or the woman, who is naturally the homemaker. She is the one who is responsible for the smooth and perfect running of the home. Most families usually have kids. The woman or the mother is usually the one who wakes up early in the morning and makes breakfast for the family, ensuring that her family is well fed and ready for what could be a vigorous day. Then she has to make sure the man, her husband, is ready to face the day by giving him a healthy meal and a lot of encouraging advice to help him on his job.

Having gotten them off, most women turn to house cleaning, making sure their kids' rooms and playground are clean and safe. Then they wash their husbands' working clothes for the next day. Women usually get very busy in this period with cooking, cleaning or washing. She talks to her kids about good and bad things. She tries to guide them to a good way of life. She consults with her husband or a family member, and strengthens towards the difficulties that he or she faces each day. She also inspires him or her family members to get over stop points.

Women are very hard workers at home. They are to be praised for so many work that they perform, from cleaning the shower to cooking the meals, being kind to being very good to her family and by using her own techniques for giving a warm smile, a hug, and a word of encouragement. Moreover, they are praised for organizing special family meetings for discussing their difficulties or their progress and trying to help each through their own wisdom and understanding.

Outside the home women are normal and positive by maintaining their family love and their consciousness, giving help when it is necessary and needed, and visiting friends and family. They also get involved in social circles by trying to get young people to be positive in their growth, guiding them to be good citizens, encouraging to be involved in charity schemes and social clubs, and trying to teach them to be responsible and caring about themselves and the society they live with.

Some work that women do outside the home is so interesting and important. As teachers, they are the backbone of our society. They are the ones who are responsible for educating our children by allowing them to be good citizens, scholars, judges, police officers, and lawyers. In the medical professions, women excel in becoming doctors and registered nurses. In dental assistance profession, there are usually more women. In care giving jobs, women are very noticeable. Because of their female instinct, they are very persuasive and helpful.

The work that women do outside the home is so many. So it is very hard to list them all and gratify them. But deep in our hearts we know that they are very hard working in and outside the home. The wonderful works that women do outside the home are so important that we should appreciate them and support that. We cannot thank them enough, but we will continue to appreciate and encourage them for all the good things that they do, whether it is a meal, a word of encouragement, a clean room, a word of love, a kind gesture, or a hug. Women are very hard workers and should be appreciated their on every day, whether it is a Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, or her birthday, with something very precious as a token of acknowledgement for their great and wonderful efforts that they made for the good will of the mankind and well-being of people and the society that we live in. Besides, women play a very important role in the society. Apart from being caregiver, they are very efficient in their feminine way of thinking and how soft and delicate they handle issues of every day life.

I conclude by saying that the work that women do inside the house and outside are so magnificent that we cannot stop appreciating her help of the good ways and thoughts for the society. Besides, I hope that they will continue to be good.



Women's Work at Home and Outside the Home

By Wayne

In today's society, women have choices to choose between working at home and out of the home. Some choose to be full time housewives while others take their time to go back to school to be fulltime or part time students. Some of the working group chooses to be very successful and independent by taking challenging careers.

The full time housewives' duties are taking care of the family, keeping home clean, preparing the meals, and doing the laundry. They also do outside errands like paying the phone bills, cable bills, and credit card bills and buying food for the home. This is a job that never ends. Each day is the same routine work that keeps repeating all over again. Some housewives do not have enough time to have supper at the dining table with their family or even to watch a movie. On the whole, a housewife's job never ends.

Those who choose to be career-working women have many different positions like doctors, nurses, etc. There are many different kinds of doctors like the optometrists, orthodontists, obstreicians and gynecologists. They also have many different kinds of lawyers like criminal lawyers, who help their clients in high profile cases, family lawyers, who deal with family problems like divorce, custody, support guardianship, wills, etc. Moreover, they have different types of nurses like Registered nurses who work with doctors and R.N.As who work with R.Ns in taking care of the patients by giving them bath, making the beds and feeding them and being on alert for any emergencies.

Their full time students take courses in school to become like fashion designers and have their own clothing lines and businesses. Some study to be pilots and explore the world. Their part time students take smaller courses to become like beauticians who take care of all types of hair, nails, and skin types. Some take modeling courses to just deal with models' clothing, shoes and accessories. Some take courses in catering for special occasions like weddings, parties, and small functions dinners.

They also have very challenging jobs like flight attendants, who rarely spend time at home with their family because they are always on the go. They also have soldiers who left their family to go to war to defend their country. They also submarine divers who work under water rescuing divers, and sunken ships and who also deal with dangerous species under water. They also have those who do dangerous stunts.

On the whole all these career-working women still have a job to do at home after work. It has the same responsibilities and rules as the one housewives do at home. That is to make sure the home is clean, safe and secure.



The Work Women Do in and Outside the Home

By Fred

Taking care of the home is very hard. Each day starts with cooking breakfast, getting the children up and ready for school, and making sure they eat breakfast and are dressed properly. This takes place in the mornings. When the children are off to school, mom has to do cleaning and get herself ready for her job or school.

After work, she has to dust, vacuum and have the dinner on the table at a reasonable time. She also has to help with homework and make sure the children go to bed on time. On weekends, she does the laundry, grocery shopping and run various errands.

Outside the home the woman could be a lawyer, doctor, teacher, nurse, scientist, banker, counselor, or a singer. As she has more patience and is a better listener, she is better at working with children and with groups.

A woman's life is very busy whether she is at home or outside the home. For example, the female doctor saves lives by treating patients; at the same time, she does all the work at home before and after work. As we can see, she contributes to the whole society in many ways.



The Work That Women Do In and Outside the Home

By Sylvia

Women's job is supposed to be at home and outside the home because they have the responsibility to work for the community.

We start the day by making breakfast and fix lunches for the family. After they are gone off to school and work, it is time for cleaning, picking after them and making the house beautiful. When they return in the evening, we like to see our kids in clean clothes. So we get into doing the laundry and ironing the children's and husband's shirts and pants. After that, it is time to prepare the special dinner and desserts, which they always look forward to. Then we share our workloads with our husbands or family members when the kids go to bed. As you can see, a woman's duty is never done since it starts again in the next morning.

We do the grocery shopping twice a week and go to the market area once a month on Saturdays. We take the kids to the parks to have fun. We also take them for a picnic and movies. We also take the kids to the shopping mall. From there, it's the McDonalds or Burger King for their treat. We encourage our kids to take part in extracurricular activities, such as sports and arts.

Women also work outside the home. Women do different types of work like men do. They are doctors, dentists, nurses, psychologists, lawyers, accountants, bookkeepers, electricians, swimming instructors, personal support workers, hairdressers, and so on.

She is stronger in certain types of work that require more patience, understanding, gentleness, flexibility, love and kindness. For example, both teaching elementary students and counseling require patience and understanding. Babysitting and nursing require caring, flexibility and understanding.

We can see a woman is strong in her work, both inside and outside the home. She is committed to her children, family, friends and her community. She is also committed to her job at home and outside home.

Work Woman Do Inside And Outside the Home

By Shawn

Today's women work in and outside the home. They excel in their workplace, like Clara Barton who established the American Red Cross and became its first president. Women are able to work outside the home and can have any career. Besides, at home, they are the backbone of the whole family.

Women manage everyday duties of the house. They do the cleaning, prepare the meals, and take care of the children and husband and do the grocery shopping. Women make sure the toilet, sink and bathtub are free from germs or bacteria. They make breakfast and tidy up the kitchen the living room; dining room and bedrooms are next. They shine all the glass, change the sheets on the beds, vacuum, sweep, mop and dust all the ornaments. They then get the children ready for school, but not before they had breakfast. While the husbands and children are away, they make their lunch, and after everyone comes home they prepare dinner.

Women are mostly the caregivers of the children, and it is one of the most difficult tasks. The tasks are usually different according to the children's ages. If the child is an infant or a baby, it is much more difficult because children at that age need a lot more attention. Moms are up all hours in the night for breast feeding their babies. Their diapers have to be changed often. When they are that small, moms have to be extremely careful when they bath their babies. Moms must have time to play games with the baby such as peek-a-boo and help enhance their mind by sounding out words and talking to them very often.

If the children are older, moms have to make sure they are up on time for school. They give them breakfast, prepare lunch for them to take to school, have them snacks when they return from school and have a hot/healthy dinner in the evening. Moms have to make sure they take a shower or bath, brush their teeth, say their prayers (if the parents are religious) at bedtime. Moms also help their children with their homework in math, English, science, etc. Finally moms are like psychologists to their children and husbands by helping them solve their problems.

Women are also there for their husbands to give them morale support, whether it is to listen to what problems they have at work, with their bosses or with co-workers. Finally women balance the checkbook by making sure there are sufficient funds to pay the mortgage or rent, and other bills and to use for the grocery, clothing, outing, and school activities, and the children. Generally that is the work women do inside the home.

In the past century, women were not allowed to work. But, during World War II, men had to go to war and there was desperate need of labor. So women enter the work force for a short period. But some influential women in history such as Belva Lockwood (the first woman to practice law before the u.s. supreme court), Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady-Stanton, fought courageously for the equality in education and work place, first time in history, for women. So women have been able to have a working career since then. They could become lawyers, doctors, office workers, managers, etc.

Women can be lawyers who help the innocent, prosecute the guilty, find evidence and establish their alibis. Women can be judges and have a final say if the person is guilty or innocent. Women can be doctors or nurses, healing those who are sick. They can operate, whether it is transplanting an organ or taking a bullet out of an innocent person. Women can be police officers, going out to dangerous missions, trying to protect the innocent and putting the guilty behind bars. Women can be a firefighter, going into burning buildings, saving those in danger not hewing if they will come out alive or if they will ever see their families again.

Women do volunteer work, whether it is working at a Red Cross centre, hospital, nursing home or feeding the homeless. Women work outside doing construction work, fixing the roads, building home. Women work as scientists, finding cure for diseases, such as breast cancer, cancer, kidney or heart failure, etc. Women work as directors or producers, making movies so we can enjoy. Women work as models, actresses, and comedians. Women work as a marine biologists or veterinarians, saving animal life. They are also in the army, fighting terrorists to protect us from harm. Women are prime ministers, fighting for our rights.

Women are able to do any job men can do and be successful in their choices of careers. Women can run the household, take care of the children and still hold down a fulltime job. Women are a powerful force not to be reckoned with.

East End Literacy congratulates all the participants of the Bread and Roses writing Contest.



Pictured above left to right, Brenda, Rosita, Abukar, Satha and Maria.