



# Celebrating Mother's Day 2020



**Agnes Pabich**

**Submitted by: Ruth Levy**

I want to honor Agnes Pabich, NP - Critical Care Nurse Practitioner, MOM of 2 very young beautiful girls, adoring daughter, genuine friend, and ninja in scrubs!!!! You are truly an inspiration to us all as you wear all your "hats" always with style and grace!! Happy Mother's Day. With love and gratitude...Ruth Levy, NP (your work wife ;)



**Amanda Bradley**

**Submitted by: Sandra Castillo**

Happy Mother's Day Amanda! You are really patient and helpful with all of us. Thank you for your dedication and I know you are a wonderful mom!

**Donna Russo**


**Submitted by: Veronica Suarez**

Donna Russo has been a great role model during my time here at Mount Sinai. She has a very welcoming demeanor and is always willing to help out her team. She has always made herself available - even late nights and weekends - if we ever needed anything. She has the highest expectations for her team and she is always encouraging us to be better both in the hospital and out. We proudly gave her the nickname "work mom". Her knowledge and advice are held in the highest regard and we are all lucky to have such a great role model as our friend and co-worker.

**Geeta Sharma**

**Submitted by: Rajeev Narang**

Happy Mother's Day Geeta!! We are so proud of you for your bravery and hard work, and are missing you a lot. Thank you for being such an incredible mother - we are so so lucky! Lots of love, Maya, Tikka, and Rajeev





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**Geeta Sharma**

**Submitted by: Shashi Sharma**

Dr. Geeta Sharma, OB/GYN, Maternal Fetal Medicine, is extremely dedicated and loves being at Mount Sinai, working closely with her colleagues in labor and delivery. She is extremely grateful for all the care and support from the community and hospital leadership. Geeta has not seen her daughter or husband since mid-March. She is a truly amazing mother, wife, daughter, sister and aunt. She is our hero. Her family loves her immensely and misses her very much. Thank you, Geeta, for all you are doing to serve patients during this difficult time, and always.



**Jennifer Charles**

**Submitted by: Yvette Doan-Schultz**

Jennifer is selfless and always goes above and beyond to help her patients and co-workers. She is also an amazing mother that juggles family and work life with such ease and grace!

**Jennifer Wolfe**

**Submitted by: Cardinale Smith**

Jen is a rockstar nurse leader. Throughout this pandemic she has shown unwavering support to her patients, nurses and the physicians she works with. She is an amazing mother and leader!





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**Jessica Spravka**

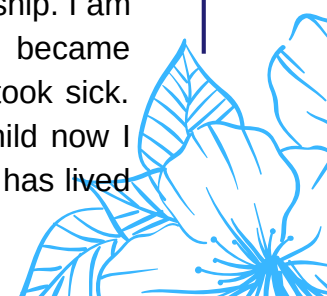
California Travel Respiratory Therapist proud to be helping New York! Nonetheless, very proud of my three beautiful girls - Crystal, 24, Nikki, 18, and Rachel, 17. Crystal, who will be graduating this month, and unfortunately I won't be there to celebrate my daughter's graduation or Mother's Day, but we will for sure celebrate when I return from my mission. Thank you, New York, for everything that you have given me. I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to have been able to help!! It's an experience I would never forget. My heart goes to New York and my three beautiful daughters. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in the world!!!

**Louise Louanga**

I'm a hard working mother of two that has never let my patients nor my co-workers down. I'm always present, always punctual. Also, volunteer in the community and assist and educate churches' members on how to stay safe with this pandemic. Taking care of people is my passion.

**Marilyn Figueroa**

I feel that I have been a good mom and daughter. I have raised my four kids on my own since the oldest was 14. I have instilled in them how important it was for them to get a good education for a good job. I personally didn't finish college so my drive was to see them through college. I myself grew up as an only child. My oldest was a good example to her siblings. She was always reaching for the stars. She got her bachelor degree in Psychology but decided to join the fellowship program for teaching at the age of 21. She taught then became a math coach for the teachers and then has become an Assistant Principal. My son also completed his college and works for the city. My other daughter has completed her studies and is a Speech Pathologist in a middle school. My last daughter studied public health and is now working for Mount Sinai in the city for Quality Assurance. My girls are all married and my son is in a serious relationship. I am a proud mom. Now I am working and at the same time, since July of 2019, became my mom's caretaker. I went on vacation with my mom in July in which she took sick. She was in the hospital for 10 weeks and 2 weeks in rehab. As her only child now I have become her caretaker. I have moved her from her apartment which she has lived for 57 years to my home.







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**Mary Fowkes**

**Submitted by: Daphne Semet**

Mary is a brave lady. She valiantly led the autopsy/morgue faculty in initiating autopsies on Covid patients and was able to change clinical practice at Mount Sinai based on the initial findings. She has two children and I thoroughly respect her. She can be in my foxhole any day.



**Rio Rivera**

**Submitted by: Dina Acosta-Gil**

Rio is an amazing mother, great worker and excellent partner!



**Roxana Badiu**

**Submitted by: Gina Garzon**

I want the world to know that she is an amazing manager, friend, and wonderful mom. I want to wish her a wonderful day. We love her. - RETU UNIT.

**Sol Lacson**

**Submitted by: Klara Lacson**

Sol Lacson is an incredible nurse and mom. As a mother-baby nurse, she welcomes women to motherhood and brings new babies into the world each day. I'm so proud to call her my mom!





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**Staci Leisman**

**Submitted by: Josie Leisman**

She is the best mom in the world. She is the best nephrologist in the world. She is a good reading partner. She is the best teacher in the world

**Staci Leisman**

**Submitted by: Gale Justin**

Dr. Staci Leisman is a world class teacher, mom and physician. The Instructional Technology Group (ITG) would like to honor her for all the enlightenment she has brought to the world around her: on the front lines, in class & at/from her home.



**Valeriya Bondyрева**


**Submitted by: Ellen Brady**

Val returned from her maternity leave on March 17, 2020. She is a nurse in MSBI's CCU. This unit was no longer cardiology by a Covid 19 medical ICU. Val was frightened for her family's sake and her new daughter. She continued to care for our critically ill patients despite her fear. She is a true hero to me and both a nurse and mother I admire! Putting aside worries and fears is an attribute of a hero.

**Veronica Rivera**

**Submitted by: Katherine Currey**

Dr. Rivera has led the Geriatric practice through the pandemic with such grace, reassurance, and leadership, all the while caring for her twin babies at home! She even continued to see new patients while handling the many additional responsibilities that came along with responding to and leading us through the pandemic. She is truly an inspiration because she does it all and makes it look effortless, even though we know it's a lot of very hard work! Thank you for everything Dr. Rivera, I hope you have a wonderful (and restful) Mother's Day!





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**Alexandra Gonzalez**

**Submitted by: Darlene Commedo**

Alexandra is a very sweet and caring person that takes her job very serious. I worked with a lot of people but none of them have showed the love and sympathy that she gives her patients. Alexandra is a person that needs to be known for her professionalism and work ethnics.

**Cardinale Smith**

**Submitted by: Donna Berizzi**

Over the course of the last 10 weeks, the Oncology Service Line, along with all health care professionals, and our families, have experienced an unprecedented amount of change, stress and a constant fear of an unknown future. While there have been many wonderful people, and amazing avenues for personal and patient support, there is one constant that has proven to be invaluable to our clinicians...Dr Cardi Smith. At the onset of this crisis, Cardi became the source of truth, the voice of reason and the bearer of unconditional support and guidance for the faculty, the clinical and nonclinical health care workforce. Dr Cardi Smith was approachable, compassionate, patient, kind, knowledgeable and always available to answer questions big and small. Cardi is a leader, a partner and a mentor for all of us....she is a wife, a sister, a mommy, a daughter and the ultimate friend and during this uncertain and scary moment in all our lives, Cardi is the person who we want to guide and lead us through this moment in time. Cardi helps us to remain focused on our mission to provide outstanding, safe, and compassionate care for our oncology patient population. Cardi also fostered an environment for all of us to care for each other and lift each others spirits. I know I speak for everyone when we say THANK YOU Cardi for your selfless dedication and outstanding leadership.







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**Clodagh Starrs**

**Submitted by: Samantha Skubish**

Clodagh Starrs has been an employee of Mount Sinai for 15 years. In that time she has worked tirelessly to improve the care we provide to our patients while also growing her family of five. What is remarkable about Clodagh is how she advocates for and supports other mothers in our department. Without hesitation, she takes the time to ask her colleagues about their families, gives support and words of encouragement to expectant mothers and new parents and creates a familial culture for her staff by prioritizing the work-life balance and recognizing the importance of having time for family. Clodagh is an amazing mother and her support to other mothers in our department is truly special.

