

*Establishing a Lifelong Connection
of Love and Understanding*

Cy-Fair Mothers & Daughters

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Diana with daughters
Heather and Aubrey

The long and complex relationship between mother and daughter is an ever-changing one. From bottles to weddings and beyond, the relationship provides a lifetime of memories. Cy-Fair mothers and daughters of all ages are forming wonderful relationships.

An Early Bond

Creating a special mother-daughter bond starts early. Just ask Susan Wycham and her four year old daughter Kaitlyn. “We have our special time together at least once a week. I make sure we go somewhere alone and do something fun.” With so much pressure on young girls today, Susan wants to make sure that Kaitlyn knows she can open up to her about anything. “As she grows older, I want her to know she can turn to me for advice. We might not always agree, but we can be open and supportive with each other.” Creating a friendship that lasts into adulthood is a common goal for mothers with young daughters.

Creating a Lasting Connection

Kim Sarles and her mother Dana are one mother daughter team whose friendship has developed over time. When Kim lost her job unexpectedly, she found herself drawn back to Cypress - and home to her mom. “When I needed help, my family, especially my mother, was there for me,” Kim says. “I was so happy to come home to Cypress, and moving back in with my mom- even for a short while- taught me how much I rely on our relationship.” Kim hopes to take her mother’s hard work ethic and create a successful career of her own. “What she has taught me about work and family just by example are the best lessons in life that I’ve ever learned.”

Bridgette Langley with
daughter Alexis





Deidre Head with daughters Ceslie and Caitlyn Garza



Kim Sarles and her mother Dana enjoy shopping together

Working as a Team

The ladies of A-Beautiful Pools know all about combining work and family. Founded in 1985 by Diana Fraser, the company continues to be a family tradition as daughters Heather and Aubrey have joined in to make the business their own. Diana says, "It was not hard to turn the business I built over to my daughters because I have the utmost confidence in them. I feel very blessed to have them both wanting to work in the business that I built." That's not to say that working together does not present difficulties. Heather says that separating relational boundaries can be especially tough. As she tells it, "There are things you say as a daughter or sister that are not relevant or appropriate in a work relationship.

I think that Aubrey, Diana, and I have overcome this challenge and been able to work successfully as professionals. We have learned to put the personal aside." The alternate side of this equation is how well mother and daughters know their strengths together. "I'm able to predict the way things will happen, what will upset Heather or my mom, or what will please them. It's easier to present bad news because we're so close, we know just how to put it," explains Aubrey. Working together has brought the women of the Fraser family even closer and taken their company to new heights professionally.

Heather says that now she has a new appreciation for her mom and their changing relationship. "She has always been supportive and can relate to life and work experiences that I am going through. This makes for wonderful moments on a daily basis."



It's important for mothers and daughters to build a strong, supportive relationship from the beginning

A Foundation for Dreams

Having a family around you, especially a mother that supports your dreams, creates a rock solid foundation that encourages you to reach for all your goals. Lauren Harris is glad that her mother, Libby Allen, created that foundation for her. "I'm never afraid to try new things," she says, "because I've always known I have someone behind me who believes in me." When Lauren was contemplating leaving her job for a new opportunity with a non-profit organization, it was Libby who stood behind her and gave her that extra push. "My whole life has changed since I took this job," Lauren smiles, "I'm happier in my work and home life than I ever have been before." Libby is glad to see Lauren's career taking flight. "I'm so proud of my daughter and all that she has accomplished."

Changing Roles and Continuing Support

Mary Kannon has seen her role as a daughter change dramatically the last two years. When her mother, Ann, was diagnosed with cancer, it was Mary who took over her daily care and moved her mother into her home. "I'm not unlike many other women my age who are providing for our mothers in their later years." Even though doctor's visits and cancer treatments make up a great deal of their time together, Mary has learned so much from her mom and her positive outlook on life. "Facing cancer together as a team has only strengthened our bond," says Mary, "and I know the lessons my Mom has taught me will continue to live through both me and my daughters."

A Lifetime of Memories

From creating a confident daughter, to working together, to helping ease the transition into elder care, Cy-Fair moms and daughters celebrate each other's strengths. Together they create a lasting relationship that provides support, love, and trust. **CFM**

KARA WETMORE FRENCH appreciates her mom in a whole new way since she became a mother herself. I love you Mom! Thanks for everything.



Lauren Harris and her mother Libby Allen

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