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My Life as a Young Mother

Being a young mother has a lot of responsibilities and means giving up a lot. It also has a great deal of happiness, joys, and reward. When I found out I was pregnant I was scared, happy, and a lot of other emotions all mixed together. As a senior in high school, you could say that I was somewhat selfish. Not completely, but of course from day to day, I thought about myself. At that age my responsibilities consisted of going to school, doing my school and homework, and doing my chores. Needless to say becoming a mother changed all of that very rapidly.

Before becoming a mother to my amazing little boy, I was a senior in high school and I was more concerned from myself from day to day, than for someone else. Thankfully I was able to graduate before I had my son, but that still did not give me a lot of time to prepare for motherhood. Life as I knew it after graduation was about preparing for this baby but it was also still all about me at that point. That was until I had him and laid eyes on him. In that moment my life changed forever and I became completely selfless and that feeling was amazing. It had to be the strongest set of emotions I ever felt in my life. I was knocked into labor by a very serious car accident. It broke my nose, ribs, and shattered my left hand. So just to see that he was fine was such a huge relief. The love and the pure joy that I felt were also overwhelming.

As a senior in high school my responsibilities were making sure that I got to school, behaved, and got all of my work done. I was also expected to get my chores done from day to day, and to make sure they were done before I would leave to hang out with friends. At that point in my life my responsibilities were pretty insignificant. After having my son I was completely responsible for another human being, another life. So you could say my responsibilities grew, they grew tremendously. I had to bath, feed, cloth, and make sure that my child was taken care of in every way possible and the best way possible. At first it seemed somewhat overwhelming, but becoming a mother, I just knew what I needed to do and it came natural, as I am sure it does with most women. I may have only been 18 but at that point in my life I think I gained the right to be called a woman by becoming a mother.

Being a 17 year old girl, my priorities were probably the same as many other girls are at that age. I loved shopping and making sure I was up to date on all the new fashion trends. I spent a lot of time picking out my clothes, doing my hair, and makeup. Also socializing was way up there on the list. I was always a social butterfly so I was always worried about gossiping, talking, and hanging out with my friends. Well when I become a mother, of course that all came to a screeching halt. I still have those close friends that I stay in touch with but life as a mommy is so busy. Now my life is all about my son and my family. We spend a lot of time with both my side of the family and my son’s father’s side. As I said there are still some close friends and those close friends now to have children as well, so my son gets to hang out with their kids (his friends) now when we do get together. It is nice to have friends with children and to be able to see my son with his friends.

So to me life as a young mother is way different than life as a teen that had just graduated high school. Instead of college, partying, and working I was and still am a stay at home mom. I have just now been able to go back to school thanks to the online programs offers through Coastal Carolina Community College. Being a young mother means that I met my son a little early, but also hopefully means I will get to love him longer. Some people said that my life was going to end when I had my son, but to me it had just begun. I would not change things for the world and I am so blessed to have such an amazing little boy to call my son. I am so proud, blessed, and happy to call him my son and to call myself a young mother.