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I'd like to celebrate my wonderful Mother this International Women's Day.

I am a mum to a beautiful 4 year old and since having her I've struggled with an ongoing injury which at times has been debilitating and has required numerous surgeries. Going through this with a FIFO husband and a young child felt impossible at times but my Mum never hesitated to jump in & lend a hand, and I can truly say we wouldn't have been able to navigate the first 4 years of motherhood without her help. Mum is always a phone call away, whether that be day or night. Whenever I needed her she would happily drop everything and come to my aid, even at 4am in the morning or when she was on the other side of the world and I needed antibiotics late at night, magically she arranged for these to be dropped at my house within an hour.

Another standout story about my Mum was when I was working in retail many years ago and I came home & told her about a customer I had that day who's house had burnt down and she had lost everything. Feeling helpless in the situation I asked for the customers phone number as I knew my Mum would know what to do to help. My Mum (& my wonderful Dad) took it upon themselves over the following few weeks to do everything they could to help this lady and her children, rallying up volunteers, supplies, clothing and also spending days trying to find some family heirlooms that had been lost in the rubble from the fire – which they were able to find! This was a complete stranger and to this day I am in awe of how my Mum took it upon herself to help this family out without a moment of hesitation.

My Mum truly is the most selfless person I know and is willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. She is also a go-getter and no problem is too big for her to tackle. She truly is my inspiration and has taught me how important it is to be there for those you love (and even complete strangers) and seize every opportunity in life. I only hope to be half the Mother she is to my sisters & I.