



Dear Friends & Family,

*“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen
or touched, but are felt in the heart.”* -Helen Keller

Mother’s Day is a day to honor and thank our Mothers for the gift of life. In this busy world, let’s pause and spend a precious moment with our Mothers--stop by, place a call or relive memories.

When I think of Mother’s Day, I think of what a joy, challenge and privilege it is to be a Mother. It is a joy to share special moments with our children, create family traditions and watch those traditions being passed on to the next generation. It can be a challenge to consistently provide the unconditional love, guidance, reassurance and acceptance our children need. Perhaps, most of all, it is a privilege to watch our children find their purpose and grow into happy and confident young adults.

The only advice I give to parents is to trust their instincts, listen and learn from their children and take advantage of all possible resources available to support your family. AIDS Alive and SpeakUp! are based on these principles. We create an environment to listen, learn and equip our youth with knowledge to make informed positive choices. This younger generation is remarkable and we have loved working with them over the past 15 years. Together we have learned that with honesty, love and respect amazing things can and do happen.

It is with a Mother’s and Grandmother’s pride, that I am asking you to please join our family in supporting AIDS Alive and SpeakUp!. Your financial support enables us to continue working with your children, families and communities. As always, our hearts are filled with gratitude for your loyal support.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Martie Gillin and the Gillin Family

Martie Gillin

*No one knows the heart beat
of a child... like a Mother.*