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Two Million Dollar Mama

In a recent article, a Texas man claims he "couldn't afford" his stay at home wife if he had to pay for all the services she provides for their family. He estimated—based on all the tasks she performs and hours she puts in—that she should earn around \$73,000 per year.

The website Salary.com conducts a yearly review on what moms should make if they were paid for their work—last year, they estimated \$113,000 per year for stay-at-home moms, while working moms should earn \$67,000 in addition to their other income. (Do the math—over an 18 year span, mothers should earn \$2 million dollars!)

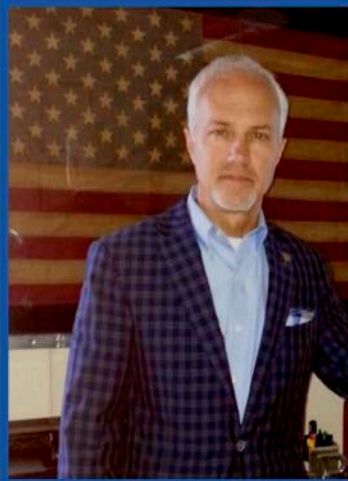


While it's fun to imagine moms getting paid cash for their hard work, we all know that's not how moms receive payment. Moms are paid in first steps, dandelion bouquets, and finger-painted masterpieces. They are paid by big-hearted attempts at breakfast in bed and in postcards home from camp. Homemade valentines and sweaty hugs. Christmas mornings, good report cards and soccer goals. Graduation ceremonies, scholarships, and the Dean's List. Phone calls, yellow ribbons, and, "Mom, I'm okay." A mom is paid when her baby gets his first job, finds "the one," and then promotes her to Grandma status. Moms don't receive paychecks—but they are paid in "I love yous."

Motherhood is a selfless job. The hours are long, and the monetary pay is nil. But the rewards and benefits are unmatched. Here's to all the mothers—and those wonderful women who stand in the gap to 'mother' other children. Thank you. And Happy Mother's Day! -LB

The most important work you will ever do
will be within the walls
of your own home.

—President Harold B. Lee



What's David Doing?

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Photos from Youth Leadership Day



Call Your Mother

Mother Fined for Phoning Her Son Too Often

In most families, miscommunications are a common event. And when mothers are involved, overcommunication can sometimes be an issue. But a 2009 court ruling from Austria highlights a rift between mother and son that is truly remarkable—and truly sad. A woman from the town of Klagenfurt was fined 360 euros (\$478) on a charge of stalking her adult son. It was the son who filed the lawsuit, claiming that his mother called him up to 49 times a day for a period of 2.5 years.

The woman's words to an Austrian newspaper reveal the pain of broken relationships within a family: "I just wanted to talk to him," she said. "I can't talk to my son, nor my daughter. I've never seen my grandchild, who is already 15-years-old." source: reuters uk



People Matter



Tim Hallman is the Residential Sales and Services Manager at Comporium. He is responsible for the Comporium retail offices in Fort Mill, Indian Land, and Lancaster. A native of Lancaster, Tim studied at USC-Lancaster and USC and began working at Comporium in 1979. Tim enjoys seeing all the new technological enhancements in his field, but he also really enjoys the people. Hallman says, "I work with so many great people and I really enjoy and appreciate our customers. I appreciate what everyone does day to day to keep providing services to our area."

I've often asked Tim to be a guest instructor in my Business Law class at USCL. Tim shares about business ethics, and the students always enjoy his presentations. Recently, he discovered that one of my students had started a business creating cell phone cases- Mr. Penguin Designs. Tim met with the student—and now displays the student's cell phone cases for sale in the Lancaster Comporium store. It's clear that Tim finds joy in helping folks reach their career potentials and enjoys representing Comporium in the community.

Tim's wife, Lisa, grew up in the Lancaster area, and is the media specialist at Buford Middle School. Tim and Lisa have two children, Justin (also with Comporium) and Jena (graduating from USC this month). Every summer, the Hallmans take a family trip to a different national park. This summer, they hope to visit Yellowstone National Park. In his free time, Hallman enjoys working on his 1965 and 1966 Ford Mustangs, restoring old fishing boats, running 5Ks, and collecting guitars. Tim plays the guitar in several music groups. Thank you, Tim Hallman, for making such a big impact on our community.

Youth Leadership Day

We had a great time with students in the Youth Leadership Program in April. Students started out at the Lancaster Sheriff's Department Training Center, where they learned about training and qualifications from Major Matt Shaw, then witnessed a "crime." Students were excited to watch the crime scene investigation, and learn about fingerprinting and DNA analysis. Next, they traveled to the Lancaster County Detention Center where they learned about booking, phone calls, and daily life of a person awaiting trial. Finally, the students were able to see the case go to trial in the Lancaster County Court House with former solicitor Doug Barfield and attorney Bob Cook. It was truly a hands-on experience as students were selected for jury duty, called as witnesses, and finally decided on a verdict. This day would not have been possible without the help of many folks—thank you all for your help! Here's what they said about the day...



I learned a lot about how jury cases work and how police officers investigate crimes. My favorite part of the day was watching crime scene re-enactments at the training center.

—Kate Muse
Buford High School



I enjoyed Leadership today because we got to look at the behind the scenes stuff about a trial and everything leading up to it.

—Sierra Massey
Lancaster High School



I had a good time. It's a worthwhile event. Took a lot of work, but it's important to teach kids about the judicial process.

—Major Matt Shaw

I didn't realize what all goes into a community before I started Leadership class.

—Abraham Maskowitz
Indian Land High School

Strawberry Brownies

Ingredients

1 box strawberry cake mix 2 eggs
1/3 cup oil 1 cup powdered sugar
½ -2 TB water or milk

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 8" square baking pan with parchment (and spray with Pam). Mix strawberry cake mix, eggs, and oil with hand mixer until well combined. Spread batter evenly into pan. Bake for 15 minutes or until just set; be careful not to overcook. Allow brownies to cool for 10 minutes; lift carefully from pan using ends of parchment to lift. Mix powdered sugar and water until smooth. Pour glaze over brownies, spreading to edges so that glaze will drip down sides. Allow brownies to cool and glaze to set before cutting into squares. Recipe: FamilySavvy.com Got a great recipe? Send it to us! linzie@davidblackwellllaw.com

