



EMERALD KEEPERS

For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO MOTHER NATURE

The personification or representation of nature as a woman, Mother Nature, gives us an opportunity to reflect on the vital way our environment supports life on our planet as we celebrate our moms this week.

A MOTHER TO ALL

So many of us look back on childhood remembering time spent in nature, whether on the beach, along a creek or on a mountaintop. Mother Nature offers important life lessons. This metaphorical mother reminds us to bring balance to our lives, be mindful of our impact on the environment, and choose more sustainable behavior before our resources are drained, pollution and plastics overrun the planet, and climate change threatens the lives and livelihoods of millions.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Listening to Mother Nature and taking action to protect the environment is especially critical to mothers across the globe. The United Nations has observed women are more likely than men to be affected by climate change and environmental disasters. Some of these impacts include:

- Nomadic indigenous women have to walk much further to collect water in dry regions such as central Africa, where



up to 90% of Lake Chad has disappeared, putting them at risk on their journeys.

- Periods of drought and erratic rainfall challenge the capacity of women in low- and lower-middle income countries to support their families as they are most often employed in the agricultural sector. Oftentimes, girls leave school at young ages to help their mothers.

- Extreme heat has been shown to increase stillbirth rates while

climate change, more broadly, is increasing the spread of vector-borne illnesses such as malaria, dengue fever, and Zika virus, all of which are linked to endangering mothers and newborns in particular.

SHOWING GRATITUDE FOR MOTHER NATURE

Think of all the ways we strive to be good children to our parents. Being good to Mother Earth really isn't that different.

- Share and/or moderate your

consumption of resources. Buy used items, donate items for reuse, and conserve water.

- Don't litter and don't pollute the air with harmful substances and greenhouse gasses. Walk, bike or use mass transit when possible.

- Live in harmony with fellow humans, flora and fauna. Shift to renewable energy with solar panels on your roof and an EV in your driveway.

Make Mama proud!

THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH SPLASH & ART AUCTION

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Join Emerald Keepers at Coronado Yacht Club for our first fundraiser. Meet Captain Charles Moore, the oceanographer credited with discovery of the the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Celebrate the work of Emerald Keepers at the Great Pacific Garbage Patch Splash & Art

Auction. Bid on one-of-a-kind art pieces created by local artists using plastics removed from Coronado Beaches and other art donated by our local artists and other items. Enjoy a fun party with musician, Matt Heinecke. Tickets are on sale at EmeraldKeepers.org or emeraldart.givesmart.com

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