

# Claire Danes Worried She'd Never "Want to Work Again" After Cyrus' Birth



By April Littleton

At the Summer TCA Party in L.A., *Homeland* actress Claire Danes told [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) she's still "figuring out" how to balance her career with motherhood. "I was in my cozy mommy bubble. I was anxious about returning to work. I had all sorts of exaggerated fears, I think the biggest one being, "Oh god, will I ever want to work again?" Danes, who has been married to Hugh Dancy since 2009, often brings her 7-month-old son to set and the first-time parents take turns being their son's primary caretaker.

**When is it the right time to go back to work post-baby?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Figuring out when you should go back to work after having a baby is probably one of the toughest decision you'll have to make as a parent. You want to be there for your child, but you also have to be able to take care and provide for your little bundle of joy. If you're not able to be a stay-at-home parent, Cupid has some advice:

**1. Finances:** Staying at home with your new baby might not be an option for you, in fact, for most parents it's not a choice they have. Depending on what your partner does for a living, one income may not be enough with an additional family member now in the mix. Add up all of your funds and see if you're able to living comfortably with just your partner's money coming in, if not, find someone you trust to look after your baby. Start off by working part-time or work from home if your job allows it.

**2. Emotionally ready:** It's very hard to detach yourself from your child, especially when he/she is first born. If you're just not comfortable letting someone else watch your baby for a few hours out of the day, then don't go back to work just yet. However, you're not going to know how you feel about being away from your kid if you haven't given it a chance. Don't worry, you'll miss them more than they miss you.

**3. You've thought about it:** Logically, you know it's the best thing for you and your family for you to go back to work. Think about how many hours you're willing to work. Maybe you and your partner can come up with a schedule where one of you is still at home with the baby. If you have thought about an arrangement that works best for the family, you're ready to go back to your 9 to 5.

**When did you know it was the right time to go back to work post-baby? Share your experience below.**

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# Handling the “Kids” Question On a Date



By Sheila Blagg for

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The kids-or-no-kids debate is an issue for many couples. But, bring a child into a new dating relationship and the issue becomes even more complex. As people move from one relationship into the dating realm, they often wonder, “Does he want kids?,” Will she still want to date me?”

When both parties are on the same page in regard to the kids question (either in favor of kids or not), the new relationship experiences fewer bumps. But if one wants kids and the other doesn't, the debate may result in a huge rift that not many couples survive.

## When to talk about kids

It is my opinion that the do-you-want-(more)-children question should be tackled within the first couple of dates. Why continue to date someone who doesn't have the same goals and desires as you do? Sure, there are some cases where, along the way, someone changes his or her mind, and everyone lives happily ever after, but there are more cases that end in heartbreak and anger.

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Are you willing to take that chance? Does it make sense to invest so much time in a relationship that may never work?

Most people know whether or not they want children by the time they reach adulthood. Personally, I have five children, and three of them already know that they definitely want to have kids of their own. One of my kids is a no go, and one is still on the fence (which is fine since he's only 14!). My point is that, even though my kids are still relatively young, they already have a picture of what they want their family lives to look like.

## I can change his/her mind

I've heard so many stories of heartbreak resulting from one person trying to change a potential partner's mind about having or not having children. The bottom line is, if someone you're dating does not want children (and vice versa), don't try to talk him/her into it. It's important to respect the vision of what that individual has in mind for his/her future.

Stop trying to change the other person and accept that you may need to change how you deal with the situation.

When I began dating after my divorce, I decided that I wanted to date only men who wanted children. I felt that the desire

for kids was one common ground on which we could relate to one another.

But, one of my very best friends approached the kid debate in a completely different way. She decided that she had no interest in dating a man with kids. She didn't feel that she was cut out to manage someone else's kids and the ex-wife that would inevitably come as part of the package.

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## Know what you want

What it boils down to is that you must first decide what your goals are for the future. Do you want (more) kids? Do you want to date someone who already has kids? Know your limits, set boundaries and stick to them. It has been my experience – and the research will back me up – that it's never a good idea to try to “change his/her mind” on something as important as having a family.

Although there are always exceptions to every rule, dating someone who is like-minded – especially when it comes to children – makes for a less complicated relationship.

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# Charlotte Ross of 'Hit the Floor' Says, “Waiting for Mr. Right Won't Get You Anywhere”



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

Charlotte Ross has a Hollywood story meant for the big screen: she fell in love with acting at an early age and began pursuing her dream while growing up in Winnetka, Illinois. She worked at Second City and the Goodman Theatre until graduating from high school. Just a month later, she moved to Los Angeles and was quickly cast as Eve Donovan on the infamous soap opera *Days of Our Lives*, a role that later garnered her two Emmy nominations. Audiences now recognize her as Quinn Fabray's uptight mother Judy on the hit show *Glee* as well as Olivia Vincent in the summer series *Hit the Floor*.

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The popular VH1 show, which airs it's final episode of season one tonight at 9/8c, is about "a professional basketball cheerleading squad; the back stabbing that ensues to get and stay on the team; and the inner workings of the corporate side of this world." Her character was a star dancer in her younger years and now serves as the director of the Devil Girls. As

the actress explains, “Olivia’s extremely driven, expects complete professionalism and won’t settle for less than perfection at every performance. She can be a bit relentless, but she’s also like a protective mother who just wants her girls to succeed.”

“It’s a ripe background for juicy drama, and the writer and executive producer, James LaRosa, doesn’t disappoint,” she adds with a laugh. I think he was born to write this show!”

As much as she loves being on stage, Ross’s heart belongs to Max, her nine-year-old son with ex-husband Michael Goldman. The couple divorced in 2008 after four years of marriage but continue to co-parent their son. True to her optimistic personality, she chose to remain positive during this difficult time. “The truth is, we all have a good argument as to why our ex isn’t the best partner, parent or friend, but I worked really hard not to focus on the negative because I wanted what was best for my son.”

And what’s best for Max is two parents who are able to “come into each other’s houses without tension or stress. I’m beyond blessed that my son is very well-adapted to having two homes,” she candidly shares. “I enjoy it as well. I get to be fully ‘on’ when I’m with him and then ‘off’ when his father has him.”

Her advice for parents in a similar situation is simple: “Try to deal with the challenges as best as you can because it really makes a difference for your kids. They can actually learn something good from it, like how to work through tough things and treat people with respect.”

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Of course, jumping back into the dating game after divorce is never easy. The single actress says being proactive is the best way to meet someone new. “Sitting and waiting for Mr. Right won’t get you anywhere. Instead, step out of your

comfort zone and normal circle of friends,” she says. “And don’t be afraid to be set-up! Remember that your friends know you well and know what kind of partner you want.”

As shown by her diverse professional choices, stepping out of her comfort zone is nothing new to Ross. This fearless attitude extends to her personal life too; she’s even training to climb Mount Kilimanjaro later this summer. The blonde, who says “nature is like a church,” sees this trek as number one on her bucket list. “It’s been a dream of mine for years. We all have that list of ‘One day, I will...’ Well, time is passing, you know?” Reflecting further on the upcoming journey, she explains, “Challenging ourselves can be very healing. This adventure is both a physical one and a spiritual one.”

The actress knows firsthand the effects of living a healthy lifestyle. “I truly believe that working out and clean eating (most of the time) is the fountain of youth. I look and feel better than I did decades ago. It amazes me!” As if that’s not enough reason to head to the gym, she adds, “When you sweat for an hour or so each day, daily stress doesn’t take the toll that it normally would. I think everyone should make time for fitness no matter how busy their life may be.”

*Don’t miss tonight’s season finale of Hit the Floor on VH1 at 9/8c! For more information about Ross, check out her website [charlotteross.com/](http://charlotteross.com/) or follow her on Twitter @charlotteross.*

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## **Solo Parenting: Reconsidering**



# Your Ex



By Cynthia MacGregor

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You've been divorced a while—maybe six months, maybe more than two years—and nobody better has shown up to tempt you. What's more, parenting as a solo act has proven to be a heavy burden. And on top of that, the kids haven't given up pestering you about getting their dad to move “back home.” You'd think by now they'd be used to the new order of things, but no, they're relentless about wanting Daddy to return. And you're tired of hearing them “singing the same old song.”

The last time he came to pick them up, you looked him over and started remembering all of his good points—and forgetting all of the bad ones. You remembered how funny he could be, how good he was with the kids, how kind he was to your mother... and you saw how happy the kids were to see him.

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You remembered the night before, when you'd gotten home from work exhausted and still had to make dinner, supervise homework, get on the kids' cases about room-cleaning, nag Jeffrey about walking the dog and Jennifer about changing the cat's litter box. You had to hassle them about bedtime, and once they were finally tucked in, you had to wash up the dinner dishes and start the first of two loads of laundry. By the time you fell into bed, you were too exhausted to fall asleep and had done *nothing* for pleasure or relaxation all evening.

Oh, how different it would be, you think, if you had a spouse, a partner, a man in your life to help shoulder the burden. (And what a heavy burden it seems at the moment to be.) What about your ex? He had his faults, but he was a good father. There's no taking that away from him, whatever else there is to say...

Stop right there! "Whatever else there is to say?" What else *is* there to say? Plenty, I'll bet, if you think back and give the marriage an honest appraisal! Why did you call it quits in the first place? Not on a whim, I'm sure. You had your reasons, and they were most likely valid ones. Remember?

Now, fast-forward in your mind. Imagine you've gotten back together with the man. Imagine how overjoyed the kids are. Imagine how relieved you are—at first—to have help with the kids and in general. Then remember all his faults or flaws, all the reasons you gave up on the marriage in the first place. What has changed? Probably nothing. Now picture yourself asking him to leave—again. Finally, picture the kids' reaction when Daddy leaves for the *second* time. Not a happy picture, is it?

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So, is remarrying your ex the answer to your problems? In all probability, no. Is remarrying your ex going to make your kids

happy? In the short term, sure, but in the long term, when he leaves again, definitely not! And thinking that “this time, things will be different” is almost certainly a fantasy.

Reconsidering your ex? Better think twice—not just for your own sake but for the kids’ sake too.



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## Lea Michele Is Grieving With Cory Monteith’s Family





By April Littleton

According to [People](#), the *Glee* star is spending her time grieving with Cory Monteith's family. Monteith's body was found in a Vancouver hotel room over the weekend. The coronor announced he died of a mixture of heroin and alcohol.

**What are some ways to help your partner grieve?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Your partner just went through a tragic loss and you've been doing all you can to try to console them. Sometimes, it's hard to know what your loved one would appreciate and what would set them off once again, especially if you're not going through grieving yourself. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Listen:** If you're afraid of saying the wrong things to your partner, just listen to them vent. Some people only want to be heard when they're going through a rough time. The best thing you can do for your significant other is just to be there and lend a ear if and when they need it.

**2. Be supportive:** Your partner will expect you to be the strong one while they are dealing with a loss. While you may not know how to handle everything, you'll need to give it your best shot and provide a sense of stability. You'll need to

show your love all of the positive, while they can't help but to focus on the negative. Your partner will be counting on you to be there, don't let them down.

**3. Don't judge:** The worst thing you can do right now is judge the decisions and actions your significant other may make. Naturally, some of the things they do might not be wise, but they're not thinking clearly. Let them grieve how they want and for as long as they need. Don't get impatient. When they do finally bounce back, they'll appreciate everything you did and your relationship will be stronger than ever.

**How did you help your partner grieve? Comment below.**

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## **Alana De La Garza Welcomes a Baby Girl**





By Kerri Sheehan

Actress Alana De La Garza is bringing home a baby! The 36-year-old and husband, Michael Roberts welcomed a baby girl on July 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the couple's second child and they are ecstatic to expand their family. De La Garza dished to [People](#), "I was just overwhelmed with pure joy and love. I know it sounds cliché, but that's exactly how I felt."

**How do you prepare for a baby girl over a boy?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

There are a lot of things to take into consideration when a baby is on the way. Cupid has some tips for preparing for a baby girl:

**1. Essentials:** Make sure you have general items like stroller, crib, and diaper bag before you get more classified with gender specific touches. By not specifying a gender for these items you and your partner are able to use them again if you have another baby.

**2. Other children:** If you have other children then it's important to prepare them for the baby's arrival. No doubt they'll be helping take care of the new baby so make sure they're as ready as they can be for the newborn to arrive.

**3. Final Touches:** Once you've prepared for everything else then you can get into the gender more. You'll probably want girly clothes and shoes for your baby to frolic in, so make sure you're stocked up on those, as babies are messy!

**How did you prepare for a baby girl? Share below.**

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## Victoria Beckham Says She Feels Guilty Being a Working Mom



By Kerri Sheehan

You may know her as Posh, but since her Spice Girls days Victoria Beckham has managed to have four kids, marry soccer star David Beckham, and start a successful career in fashion. However, Beckham admits that she feels a bit guilty about

being a working mom. She told [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), "It's a huge juggling act, when you are a working mother and looking after your family. Millions and millions of women around the world are doing this every day, but it's not easy and yes, you feel guilty every time you walk out of the door to go to work."

**How do you balance your career and family successfully?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

For working moms there is never enough time in the day. Read on to find out how balance is key:

**1. Set goals:** Many people set goals at work, however it is important to do the same at home. Start small, like making it home for dinner and then transition into larger things like spending one whole day a week with your family.

**2. Separate your time:** Nothing will make your children feel worse than you taking a business call during time you reserved for your family. Keep your career time and family time from bleeding together.

**3. Communication:** Make sure you're open to criticism from your partner and kids. If your family feels neglected then they may be scared to tell you so. Let them know that it's okay to tell you you're doing a bad job of juggling both.

**How do you balance your career and family? Share below.**

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**Alison Sweeney Chats About**



# Keeping Her Family Healthy with Frigidaire



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

Many fans – myself included – look to Alison Sweeney as a source of inspiration when it comes to living a healthy lifestyle. In our exclusive interview with *The Biggest Loser* host, she shares her tips for staying motivated and helping her family make smart choices when it comes to diet and fitness. For instance, when it's snack time for her two children, keeping her refrigerator organized is incredibly important. "I want those healthy choices front and center. I want them in their eye line, so that they see them when they open the refrigerator door," she explains. "I think that makes it much more likely to be something that they pick."

Plus, Sweeney shares some behind-the-scenes secrets from her upcoming film *Second Chances*, premiering on The Hallmark Channel on July 22nd.

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## 'Grown Ups 2' Stirs Up More Trouble



By April Littleton

The big kids are back in this sequel to the box office hit *Grown Ups*. Lenny (played by Adam Sandler) moves his family back to his hometown where he grew up. Once he returns home, Lenny, along with his old school friends, are forced to deal with the past they thought they left behind – old and new

bullies, party crashers and crazy bus drivers. Surprisingly, the old gang learn a valuable lesson from their own children on a day full of twists and turns – the last day of school.

### **Should you see it:**

If you love to laugh and watch family-related comedies, this is the movie for you. The all-star comedy cast is back in this film, including the faces of Adam Sandler, David Spade, Kevin James and Chris Rock. Besides, if you already have the first installment stored away somewhere in your DVD collection, why wouldn't you see the sequel?

### **Who to take:**

For a film like this, you should think about taking someone with a good sense of humor. Take a date or tag along with a couple of your best friends for a fun night out. If you know someone who is a fan of *Saturday Night Live*, they'll find some satisfaction in this movie – *SNL* alum Maya Rudolph is a part of the cast.

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### **When is it time to relocate your family?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Moving is never an easy thing to do, especially when it's not just your things you're packing up. Certain circumstances need to be taken into consideration when a family is added into the equation. Do you have children? Does your spouse have a job they can't bare to leave? Is the rest of your family even in agreeance with the move? You may be ready for a drastic change, but you have to put your family first. Cupid has some advice:

**1. School's out:** If you're going to go through with this move,

it's best you wait until after your children are done with the school year. Wait until the summer before you pack up your family and move across town. Moving during a school year can have a negative impact on your child. His/her grades may suffer and they may feel left out around other kids their age. If you give your kid the summer to get used to a new environment, they'll be able to feel everything out and might even make a few friends along the way.

**2. Short on time:** If you're moving because of a change in career, your new job might not give you enough time to get settled in before expecting you to return to work in your business suit. Moving at such a quick haste will disrupt your family's daily routine, but if you've already talked about it with your partner and they support your decision, the move should run fairly smoothly.

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**3. You're feeling cramped:** Sometimes a house just gets too small. Your family may have grown over the past few years and you no longer have any extra space for yourself. If this is your reason for moving, wait until the rest of your family is free of responsibilities. You'll have some extra hands to help you pack up those boxes in the moving van.

**When did you know it was time to relocate? Share your experience below.**

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**Should You Date Your**

# Brother/Sister's Best Friend?



By April Littleton

So you've discovered you have a crush on your brother or sister's best friend. Every time that person enters the room, your heart starts to beat just a little faster. What if your crush is reciprocating your feelings? Dating a family member's best friend can turn into a complicated situation. Sure, the two of you could really hit it off, but there's also the possibility of a horrible breakup. In a situation like this, you can't just think of yourself because one way or the other, your sibling will be involved in this romantic rendezvous. Here's some advice:

## **Consider your sibling's feelings**

Before you make the final decision to give romance a try with your brother/sister's best friend, you need to think about how your sibling will react. You could be creating an awkward situation between the two friends by changing the relationship

dynamic between the two of you. If your family member isn't supportive of the two of you potentially becoming a couple, he/she might become resentful toward you and your new boo – which could ruin all three relationships.

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### **Think about the possibility of a breakup**

It may be too early to think about the end of a relationship, but in this case, it's a necessity. If you and your new love end up calling it quits, your sibling will be put in the middle. He/she will be torn between staying loyal to his/her best friend and remaining a supportive family member. The friendship between the two buddies might diminish if your ex ends up talking badly about you. Who wants to hear someone talk trash about a relative? If the two of them do manage to remain friends, you'll have to deal with the fact that you'll still have to see your ex on a daily basis.

### **Three's a crowd**

Dating your sibling's best friend won't just complicate things between the two of them, but also the relationship between you and your brother/sister. Think about it. The best friend turned boyfriend can't be there for the both of you at the same time. Sooner or later, you're not going to want to share his time with anyone else. Your [boo](#) might want to spend some time playing video games with his best friend all day or he might want to have a cuddle session with you. Eventually, this tradeoff will grow tiresome and you will find yourself at odds with your sibling.

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There's no right or wrong way to handle a situation like this. Just keep in mind that whatever decision you make, your sibling will always be involved in the equation. If you can find a way to follow your heart and keep all three

relationships intact, then you should give the budding romance a shot. Ultimately, it's up to the three of you to find some common ground and see what works best for everyone.

**Do you think it's a good idea to date a sibling's best friend? Comment below.**

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## Russell Crowe, Danielle Spencer Reunite For Dinner With Kids



By April Littleton

The Australian couple who are rumored to have split last fall spent the evening with their sons and friends at the Polo Lounge in Beverly Hills Thursday, June 27. "Russell and Danielle were sitting next to each other and seemed to get

along well – but were never affectionate,” an eyewitness told [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Later in the evening, after the children left the table, the pair continued to hold a discussion with another couple with Crowe “smoking a cigarette and talking very animatedly, [seemingly] about politics.”

## **How can you stay friends with an ex?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

You’ve parted ways with your significant other, but the two of you still hope to become friends one day. Sometimes, two people just aren’t right for each other romantically, but they make the best of friends. If the breakup was amicable and you still find yourself being able to freely talk to your ex about anything, you might be able to turn your old relationship into a new friendship. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Be kind to each other:** If you really want this new friendship to work, you have to be there for each other. Listen to each other’s problems and try to lend a helping hand. Good friends support each other’s needs. When communicating with your ex, don’t bring up the past or anything that could cause tension. After all, the two of you are friends now, not lovers. So, keep the relationship strictly platonic.

**2. Don’t talk about new lovers:** The last thing you want to do is bring up a new romance, especially if the breakup with your ex is still mildly fresh. If you have someone new in your life, don’t talk about it. Bringing up your love life can cause confusion and feelings of jealousy, which can ruin the friendship you and your ex are attempting to have. After awhile, talking about new love with your former boo may be the right thing to do, but put it off until you’re sure he or she will be able to handle it.

**3. Time and space:** Before you can embark on a friendship, take



some time apart first. Staying connected with your ex will be impossible if you still have feelings for each other. You need to move on from the breakup. Plan some fun events with old friends, and do some activities on your own before you start hanging out with your old flame again.

Are you friends with your ex? How did you make the transition from being a couple to being friends? Share your experience below.

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## Celebrity News: Former Gymnast Shannon Miller Welcomes a Baby Girl



By April Littleton

Tuesday, June 25, Shannon and her husband, Drummond press

president John Falconetti, welcomed their second child, Sterling Diane. The former gymnast announced her pregnancy in January following a battle with ovarian cancer. A rep told [People](#) how happy the family is about the new arrival, "Shannon and John are thrilled to welcome Sterling into the world. Mom and baby are healthy and doing well." The couple is already parents to Rocco, 3 1/2.

**What are some ways to help your partner through a pregnancy?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Finding out that your loved one is carrying a child is very exciting news. Now is the time to start thinking about baby names and picking out all sorts of cute clothes, but there's more to a pregnancy than just planning for the fun stuff. Your partner will need your support more than ever during the next few months, and not just the feet rubbing kind. Here's some advice:

**1. Help them around the house:** During a pregnancy, your significant other should not be expected to do all of the housework. Instead, take on most of their chores, at least until a few months after the baby is more where the two of you can work out a new schedule. If you do most of the work, your partner will be less stressed and tired during the day.

**2. Health comes first:** It's your job to make sure your love is maintaining a healthy lifestyle while pregnant. Make sure they eat the right foods – plenty of fruits and vitamins will provide your partner and the new baby with all of the vital nutrients they both need. Consider changing your diet as well. If you're both on the same diet, your love will find it easier to adapt to the new eating habits.

**3. Emotional support:** It's crucial to make your partner feel comfortable throughout the entire pregnancy. The intensity of hormone imbalances will be at a record high during this time

for your love, so expect some mood swings. Try to keep your significant other as calm as possible and remind them you still find them just as attractive as you did before they got pregnant.

**How did you help your partner through their pregnancy? Comment below.**

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## Celebrity Dads Who Are Doing It Right



By Kelly Rouba for

GalTime.com

TV dads, like Cliff Huxtable and Ward Cleaver, often made fatherhood look easy. They effortlessly juggled their work schedules so they could spend quality time with their children

and, of course, they were always around to set their kids straight if they stepped out of line. While we all know parenting isn't always as easy as it seems on TV, there are plenty of celebrity dads who've managed to set the bar pretty high when it comes to balancing fame and fatherhood as least as far as we can tell from the outside!

Sarah McKeever, a mother of three from New Jersey, thinks Will Smith is a great role model for fathers around the globe. "I adore him, and he seems like a great father and husband. I've seen a few interviews with him and his wife and kids. They seem to keep a healthy balance with all the fame," McKeever said. There may be a lot written about the Smith marriage and their parenting style (a la lack of punishment)" but Will is one dad who definitely focuses on his kids.

Dorothy Cascerceri, an on-air news, fashion, and celebrity trend expert for *In Touch Weekly*, agrees. "(Smith) loves his kids Trey, Jaden and Willow and has done everything possible to encourage all of their careers in the family business, Hollywood."

Since Smith isn't the only dedicated dad out there, GalTime asked Cascerceri to name the *Top 10 Celeb Dads Who Are Doing It Right*, and here's what she said (in no particular order):

**1. David Beckham**— This ultra-hot soccer star is more than dedicated to his four kids, Romeo, Brooklyn, Cruz and Harper. He even has the boys' names tattooed on his back!

**2. Ben Affleck**— Not only is this Oscar-winner an all-star dad to daughters Violet and Seraphina and son Samuel, but he's also a dedicated hubby. He even thanked wife Jennifer Garner in his Academy Awards acceptance speech.

**3. Brad Pitt**— In addition to being one of the sexiest men in the world, Brad is tirelessly dedicated to his clan 6 and works extra hard to make sure the entire crew is taken care

of.

**4. Liev Schrieber**— Forget strollers! Liev is usually seen transporting sons Alexander and Samuel around on his back and shoulders.

**5. Tony Hawk**— He loves his daughter Kadence so much that he Instagrammed a photo of the two of them with his nails painted with pink sparkly polish.

**6. Taye Diggs**— He shares everything with his son Walker, even ad campaigns! The duo flashed their milk mustache smiles for a Got Milk? campaign.

**7. Gavin Rossdale**— Gavin always pays close attention to the style of his kids Kingston and Zuma, and he always makes sure they have the same rocker look as their dad.

**8. Jerry O'Connell**— He's a doting dad to his twin daughters Charlie and Dolly, and oftentimes brings them to the set of his latest projects so they can see their dad at work.

**9. Jay-Z**— This rap mogul is smitten by his daughter Blue Ivy and even wrote a heartfelt song about her when she was born.

**10. J.R. Martinez**— Last but certainly not least, GalTime couldn't resist adding new father J.R. Martinez to the list. Even though his daughter Belle just turned one, he's got quite a handle on fatherhood and there's no denying how deeply devoted he is to his precious baby girl.

"I believe I'm a great dad, thus far, because I don't shy away from getting my hands dirty, whether it be by changing her diaper (constantly), making the bottle or setting up for bath time. I believe these are great opportunities to bond with your child," Martinez said.

Martinez also has a piece of advice for all those dads out there who just might be reading this. "I know we're working hard to provide, but don't leave it up to the mom to be hands-

on. Show them you're more than capable, because you are."

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## 10 New Celebrity Dads



By Jennifer

Harrington

Pregnancy, babies and parenting are always some of the hottest topics when it comes to celebrity news. Much of this news revolves around the mom and baby (think of how much time we spend on “bump” watch and anticipating Hollywood baby name choices), and an important part of the equation is often overshadowed: the celebrity dad. There are some great fathers in the celebrity world, and we wanted to shine a spotlight on them to celebrate their dedication to their children and fatherhood. Here is a list of our top 10 celebrity dads:

## **Brad Pitt**

Hollywood heartthrob Brad Pitt is a father of six (Maddox, Zahara, Shiloh, Pax, Knox and Vivienne) with longtime love, Angelina Jolie. Often when Angelina is working, Brad plays the role of stay-at-home dad with the kids, and it seems to be a duty he relishes in. In a 2012 interview with *People* magazine, Brad revealed that fatherhood has made him a better man and explained that being a dad “takes you right off yourself.”

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## **David Beckham**

Soccer superstar David Beckham is the dad of four (Brooklyn, Romeo, Cruz and Harper) with wife Victoria Beckham. David has confessed that he hopes his children will be independent and lead normal lives, despite their parents’ star status. He is open about how challenging it is to spend time away from his family for his soccer commitments. He’s also very proactive when he’s with the little ones (he was recently spotted having some quality one-on-one time with Harper in Paris).

## **Chris Noth**

*Sex and the City* star Chris Noth is the father of one child (Orion) with his wife, Tara. Despite a long list of acting accomplishments, Noth is emphatic about his favorite role. He said, “I love being a dad... being a dad is by far my favorite role!” It may be difficult for some to imagine Mr. Big as a devoted dad, but Noth is frequently photographed as a hands-on dad (we have even seen him sport matching Halloween costumes with his little one), and has even said the sound of his son crying is “music” to his ears.

## **Tom Cruise**

Major movie star Tom Cruise is a dad of three (Isabella, Connor and Suri). While Isabella and Connor are grown and

embarking on their adult lives, Tom is famously undertaking the role of single dad, in light of his recent divorce from Katie Holmes. While Suri calls New York City home with Katie, and Tom is frequently traveling for his movies, Tom remains committed to daddy duty for Suri. The duo has been photographed at Disney World together, and most recently, celebrating her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday together. Tom has also remarked that Suri can call him whenever she needs him!

### **Ben Affleck**

Boston-native Ben Affleck has three kids (Violet, Seraphina and Sam). After a whirlwind year of work and accolades for Ben, his current focus now is parenting his children, so his wife, Jennifer Garner, can go back to work. The couple has agreed that while one is working, the other will stay at home with the kids. Of his summer plans, Ben has been quoted as saying, "There's going to be a little Mr. Mom action."

### **Matt Damon**

Ben Affleck's best buddy, Matt Damon, is also a fantastic dad. Matt is a father to three daughters (Isabella, Gia and Stella) and a stepfather to Alexia, from wife Luciana's previous marriage. Matt has a simple rule that guides his life and establishes his commitment to his daughters: the family can't be separated for more than two weeks at a time. Matt is open about the fact that his feelings toward his family are much more than he ever expected, and has remarked that parenthood is "really quite something."

### **Will Smith**

*The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* star is a father of three (Trey, Jaden and Willow). Will famously rapped about fatherhood in the 1990's song "Just the Two of Us", and he's watched with admiration as Jaden and Willow, his children with wife Jada Pinkett Smith, have launched their own acting/music careers.



Will is very involved and supportive of their blossoming careers, and is always available to provide them with counsel as they navigate Hollywood. He has remarked, "I love producing my kids and my wife's TV show and all that. I think that's my most natural space in the business."

## **Seal**

The singer is father to four children (Leni, Henry, Johan and Lou) with ex-wife Heidi Klum. While Seal and Heidi are no longer married, Heidi knew that Seal would be a good dad the first time she met him because of his "kindness and compassion." She has publically stated that he is a great father and always puts the needs of the children first (even Leni, who is not biologically Seal's child), noting that he "does everything in his power" to make sure the kids are happy and safe. Time will tell how Seal adjusts to fathering without Heidi by his side, but we have no doubt he will continue to be a fantastic papa.

## **Matthew McConaughey**

Matthew is dad to three kids (Levi, Vida and Livingston) with wife Camila. His recent acting schedule has been packed, but when he's not on set, Matthew's favorite activity is story-time with his tots! Matthew shared with *People* magazine, "My favorite thing is reading a five-minute story that turns into a never-ending story. When it's story time and I get to the end, there's no the end. The kids hate the end!" Matthew also loves long phone chats with Levi, when he's away shooting movies!

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## **Barack Obama**

President Barack Obama has two daughters (Sasha and Malia) with wife Michelle. Despite his schedule loaded with meetings with world leaders and policy negotiation, Obama makes

spending quality time with his teenage daughters a priority. Sasha and Malia absolutely know where they stand with their father; Obama told *Essence* magazine, “I want my girls to know that no matter what else is going on, they’re my first priority.”

What qualities make a terrific celebrity dad? Any other celebrity dads we should include on this list of Hollywood’s finest?

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## Relationship Advice: Making Sure You Do What’s Best for the Kids



By Jane Greer, PhD

for GalTime.com

Denise Richards, ex-wife of Charlie Sheen and the mother of two of his children, now has temporary custody of Sheen's sons with his *other* ex-wife Brooke Mueller. Brooke and Charlie have both struggled publically with substance abuse for many years. Though Brooke is not making comments at this time, US Weekly confirmed that the removal of the children from her home was due to an "'unsafe environment' caused by "[her] ongoing alleged drug use." The children, four-year-old twin boys Bob and Max, have moved in with Denise and are living with their sisters, Denise's children with Charlie, Sam and Lola, and Denise's adopted daughter, Eloise. Denise, who has not remarried since her divorce from Sheen in 2005, is now a single mom to all five kids under the age of 12. She has cared for the twins before, saying the boys are "family" and she would, "do anything for them." It has been reported that Charlie is supportive of the idea.

Taking the children in is an impressive choice on Denise's part; with all the turmoil and strife that she and Charlie clearly shared in their marriage and then in their divorce, her ability to do this is a terrific example of putting the children first. His acceptance of it is equally positive. It isn't easy to put all those negative feelings to the side so the children involved can be properly and well taken care of. Bad marriages that then lead into bad divorces are often a tough place to be for the kids who are a product of that relationship because so often they are used as pawns or even weapons in the fight. But Denise isn't letting that happen. She is managing to maintain the family unit and step up to the plate, keeping the priorities where they should be. It is commendable because it is such a difficult road to travel.

When moving toward or out of a divorce, people tend to be in reactive mode and aren't always able to think things through as Denise seems to be doing. Instead of just getting angry, she was able to respond to the situation and handle it. While it is easy to get caught up in competitive and rivalrous

feelings toward the new wife, in this case Charlie's third ex-wife Brooke, Denise didn't let that get in the way. Being able to move beyond that is an act of maturity.

For anyone in this situation, those feelings that follow the aftermath of a divorce are real and often quite overpowering. But you don't have to let them interfere with doing the right thing on behalf of the children. Denise is adult enough to know when it's time to put her differences aside for the sake of the children involved. Kudos to her.

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## Dating Advice: Mario Batali Shares His Tips for Cooking at Home on Date Night



By [Whitney Baker Johnson](#)

In this exclusive video interview, chef Mario Batali shares his tips for cooking at home on date night and prepares a chicken pasta salad, a recipe that he put a spin on in honor of Hellmann's 100th birthday. Plus, he chats about which of his restaurants is the best spot for a romantic night out, the importance of bringing your family together for dinner and his sons' new cookbook, *The Batali Brothers Cookbook* – which they originally put together as a Father's Day gift!

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## Celebrity Baby: Chely Wright and Wife Welcome Identical Twin Boys





By Kerri Sheehan

Country singer Chely Wright and wife Lauren Blitzer Wright welcomed two new additions to their family on Saturday, May 18 in the form of identical twin boys. Forty-two year old Wright told [People](#), “We are grateful for all the amazing medical care and the love and support of family and friends.”

**What are some ways to make sure your identical twins are individuals?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Just because your twin’s faces are identical doesn’t mean their personalities are. Cupid has some advice on how to make sure your identical twins are individuals:

**1. Dress them differently:** People often fall into dressing their identical twins, well, identically but this almost guarantees that your children will not feel like themselves. As soon as they’re old enough let them pick out their own clothing so they don’t end up feeling like two halves of one whole.

**2. Different haircuts:** It’s hard for outsiders to tell identical twins apart. Giving them different haircuts will give people a distinct difference to focus on when

distinguishing one from another.

**3. One-On-One-Time:** Reserve special time in your week to spend with each twin individually. This time will be beneficial when it comes to bonding and it will also help you get to know each child as their own person.

**Do you have twins? How do you make sure they are individuals? Share below.**

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# Celebrity Couples in Interracial Relationships



By [Courtney Allen](#)

Rich, famous and in love... the characteristics we assume every celebrity couple embodies through their glamorous photos of romantic Caribbean getaways and riveting red carpet PDA.

However, the image of every celebrity couple is different from how it's portrayed in the media.

Through their interracial relationships displayed in the media, celebrity couples show us there's more than meets the eye. Our fixation on Hollywood may be over-the-top, but whoever said we couldn't take away a solid lesson from it? We learn to accept love in all shapes, sizes and colors, especially in the case of these couples:

**1. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West:** The E! reality star and the outspoken rapper, who were originally old friends, hooked up just months after Kim filed for divorce from Kris Humphries. Even before their relationship, Kim and Kanye were no strangers to interracial love with a dating list that includes Miles Austin, Reggie Bush and Amber Rose. From the looks of it, the list will end here. Kimye are expecting their first child this year.

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**2. Khloe Kardashian-Odom and Lamar Odom:** The marriage of Khloe and Lamar is one we all can't help but love. The two lovebirds met back in August of 2009 and tied the knot just a few weeks after. Fans of the *Keeping up with the Kardashians* star and the NBA player had their doubts on whether the duo would make it. Three years later, the couple is still head-over-heels for each other. Now we're all patiently waiting for a Baby Odom.

**3. Paula Patton and Robin Thicke:** These high school sweethearts have turned into one of the most beautiful and successful couples in Hollywood, but it's been a long time coming. Patton hasn't always been comfortable with her interracial relationship with the singer. In an interview with *Essence* magazine, the actress admitted, "I didn't want all my high school friends to know that I'd fallen for a white boy." Lucky for Paula, the secret is out now. The couple is living a fairytale with their only child, Julian.



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**4. Camila Alves and Matthew McConaughey:** When Brazilian bombshell Camila Alves first met Matthew McConaughey in 2006, she had no idea they would be married six years later. Their 13-year age difference and ethnicity didn't stop these two from building a life together, having three kids and being named one of the hottest Hollywood interracial couples.

**Who are some of your favorite celeb interracial couples? Share your thoughts with us!**

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## **Celebrity News: Denise Richards Says She Enjoys Hanging with Ex Charlie Sheen**



By Kerri Sheehan

Last week Denise Richards dubbed Charlie Sheen the “greatest ex,” after he arranged for his jet to fly her home in time for Mother’s Day. This week Richards is giving more insight as to how the two keep their relationship friendly. According to [People](#), Richards revealed that she feels, “One can feel one way and one can feel another way, and there’s lots of feelings and emotions there, but at the end of the day we want our daughters to benefit by us getting along. For myself, I don’t want to have an unhealthy relationship with him ... life’s too short for that and we actually enjoy hanging out and being with the kids, and it’s much easier.”

## **What are some perks to remaining friends with an ex?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Staying friends with an ex is often beneficial, especially when there are kids involved. Cupid has some reasons why:

- 1. Keeping your group of friends intact:** Being in a long-term relationship with someone means you’re bound to garner the same group of friends. By staying friends with your ex you will be able to ensure that you won’t lose any friends in the process of breaking up.
- 2. Raising the children:** If there are kids involved then it’s vital to keep the relationship with your ex as civil as possible. Raising kids in a hostile environment will force them to feel the tension constantly. They also may feel forced to pick a side (mom vs. dad) and that’s not fair to anyone.
- 3. Help with future relationships:** Although it may take you two a while to reach this point, eventually you will be able to help each other out in the dating world. No one knows about your bad and annoying habits better than your ex so they can help you determine where your future relationships are falling flat.

Are you friends with your ex? Share your story below.

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# Alison Sweeney Chats About Her New Book, Fitness Routine and Family Life



By [Whitney Baker](#)

[Johnson](#)

As if Alison Sweeney wasn't busy enough, she decided to make her foray into fiction with her first novel, *The Star Attraction*, which published earlier this week. When telling the story of Sophie, a Hollywood publicist who risks her fabulous job and happy relationship when she hooks up with a sexy client, the actress drew from her nearly two decades as Samantha "Sami" Brady on NBC's *Day of Our Lives*, explaining

that her experience on daytime television was the basis for writing her own story. She adds, "My best friend is a publicist, so that was certainly the inspiration for writing about that perspective of the industry. Plus, I have a lot of personal stories that contributed to the red carpet scenes in the book."

When it came to her main character, the author wanted to create someone who is based in reality, who behaves like a real girl. She describes Sophie as "self-effacing, smart, funny, and most importantly, willing to grow and learn" and says, "I hope she reads like a best friend whose stories you never get tired of hearing. She makes mistakes along the way, but you love her more for them." It's no surprise, then, that there are pieces of Sophie that come from her closest friends and herself.

**Related Link:** [Alison Sweeney: "I Stay Healthy For My Kids, My Husband and For Me"](#)

Since 2007, Sweeney has stolen the hearts of many viewers as the encouraging host of another hit show on NBC, *The Biggest Loser*. This experience has brought a renewed sense of passion for her personal health, as evidenced by her *Shape* cover this month. Like many of us, she's struggled with her weight in the past but now believes that it's most important to "want to make a change and commit to living a healthier lifestyle. It's about making the best choices each and every day."

For readers struggling to take control of their weight, she offers this tip: "I encourage you to schedule time in your calendar to workout and to plan your food ahead time so you're not scrambling when you're starving. Prepare healthy snacks and meals to get you through your day."

As for her own exercise routine, although she has a trainer, she works out on her own quite often and really enjoys maintaining her fitness. "I run and ride my bike (both outside

and at spin class). I try to complete a good cardio workout at least four times a week, and then, at least once a week, I do circuit training with weights.”

While we may know Sweeney as an author, actress and host, at home, she’s happy to be a wife to husband David Sanov and mom to son Ben and daughter Megan. Juggling her many different roles is never easy, but she has a simple trick that helps her stay on track: “I’ve found that the best way to transition from one project to another is to look at what I have to do in each moment and make sure that I give each task 100 percent before I move on to the next thing in my schedule.”

That means that when she’s home, she focuses completely on her family. To keep her marriage strong, she says, “Dave and I make a point to have time to ourselves, even if it’s only going for a hike or watching a movie. This time together enables us to keep our connection strong.” They even have date nights at home after the kids are in bed. “We cook dinner together and then watch *Survivor* or *Breaking Bad* and just hang out.”

**Related Link:** [Tips to Keep Things Exciting With a Date Night at Home](#)

So how did she meet her special someone? Sweeney and her husband actually grew up together and have known each other since they were young. Perhaps she followed her own relationship advice when they re-met as adults: “Enjoy life, meet people and know that you’ll meet the right guy who will explain all the wrong ones along the way.”

She adds, “With Dave, there was definitely a spark that led to our relationship and two incredible kids.”

When it comes to parenting, she describes them as pretty traditional parents. “Manners and structure are really important to us. We’re the parents, and we’re in charge. We don’t take a lot of sass from our kids, but we love them so

much, and they know that.”

Some of their favorite times together as a family are in the kitchen as they prepare dinner. Of their routine, she shares, “The kids set the table, and sometimes, they help mix the salad or something. If a song comes on the radio that we all love, we drop everything for a ‘dance break.’ It’s hilarious – Megan loves to mimic our dance moves. Classic family laughs.”

It sounds like Sweeney’s got the good life figured out, but that doesn’t mean she’s slowing down any time soon. “I’m in the process of writing my novel, which I’m very excited about. I’m also starting production on season 15 of *The Biggest Loser*, and the summer storyline on *Days of Our Lives* is heating up. Finally, Greg Vaughn and I star in *Second Chances*, premiering on the Hallmark Channel on July 22nd.” Mark your calendars!

You can purchase *The Star Attraction* on [Amazon](#) or in your local bookstore. To keep up with Sweeney, follow her on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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## Celebrity News: Hilary Duff Calls Motherhood a ‘Hormonal Roller Coaster’





By Andrea Surujnauth

Hilary Duff, proud mother of one year old Luca, recently talked about the difficulty of motherhood with [Usmagazine.com](http://Usmagazine.com). “Exhaustion is a good one to start with! You’re very sleep-deprived.” says Duff. “Sometimes you have a crying baby and you can’t do anything to get them to stop crying ... you feel, as their mom, that you should be able to have all the answers and be able to take care of them so easily.” Fortunately Duff has her husband, Mike Comrie, and especially her mother to help her get through the difficult times. “She’s been so great – helping me with the baby, coming over when I need to take a nap or escape for a little bit,” she said. “My husband is amazing, too. If I want to run out of the house for an hour to go work out or go meet a friend for lunch, I can. I think that’s really important.”

**What are some ways to support your partner through parenthood?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

You are the main bread winner and your partner is the one that usually stays home to care for the new baby. How can you support your partner? Cupid is here with some suggestions:

**1. Alone time:** Take responsibility of the baby on a certain day of the week to allow your sweetheart to get some alone

time and breathing space. Your partner will appreciate you giving them time to get out of the house on their own,

**2. Couple time:** Have one of the child's grandparents or a nanny come over to watch your little bundle of joy so the two of you can get some romantic time outside of the house. Take your partner out on a date.

**3. Encouragement:** Let your partner know that they are doing a good job holding down the household. They are working hard to keep the house running in order and taking care of your baby, let them know that you love and appreciate them.

**How do you support your partner through parenthood? Comment below and let us know!**

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## **Dating Advice: 5 Date Ideas Created Just for Moms**







By [Whitney Baker](#)

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It's always important to recognize the hard work moms do – not just on Mother's Day, but every day of the year. They often put their partners and children first, forgetting to take time for themselves. This May, we're encouraging moms to step away from their household duties and embrace some kid-free time with their significant others. Remember, your loved ones want to make you just as happy as you make them. Below are five date ideas that every mom will enjoy.

**1. Chick Flick:** Sure, your beau may want to see the latest action movie, but instead, pick the most romantic movie in theaters and enjoy every cheesy minute of it. Take this opportunity to snuggle up to your hubby and reignite the spark that may be dimming. You'll have at least two hours to relax and decompress before you resume your mom duties.

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**2. Spa Day:** While your man may be hesitant to admit it, he'll enjoy a couple's massage just as much as you do. Be fully in the moment as you both take this time to recharge. Get a manicure, pedicure or a facial to make the most of your day of

pampering. Your partner can sip on some champagne and keep you company while you feel like a princess for an afternoon.

**3. Just Dance:** Sometimes, the best way to let loose is to literally *let loose*. Sign up for weekly dance classes and learn a romantic waltz together, or head to a local salsa club and practice your moves in an environment filled with passion. Any mom will love the chance to not only bond with her significant other, but to also do an adult-only activity. End your night with a glass of wine at your favorite restaurant.

**4. Date Night at Home:** Plan for grandma and grandpa to watch your children so that you and your honey can have a fun evening in the comfort of your own home. Cook a romantic meal together and open up your favorite bottle of wine. Enjoy the warm weather by cuddling up outside and counting the stars. Steer conversation away from your babies, and instead, focus on your marriage. When bedtime rolls around, don't set an alarm!

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**5. Breakfast in Bed:** Don't let your date night at home end when you crawl in bed. Wrap up your alone time with breakfast in bed. You can make an extravagant meal with all of your favorite foods: from scrambled eggs with cheese and fresh vegetables to crispy bacon and toast topped with butter and homemade jam. Order in from a local diner – somewhere you may have frequented before the kids came along – and enjoy every greasy bite.

**Moms, we want to hear from you: What's your favorite date idea? Share below.**

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# Celebrity Baby: 'Real Housewives of Atlanta' Star Phaedra Parks Welcomes Second Child



By April Littleton

*Real Housewives of Atlanta* star Phaedra Parks and her husband Apollo Nida welcomed their second child – a son on Wednesday May 8, according to [People](#). A rep for Parks said, “Mother and baby are happy and healthy.” The couple has been married since 2009. The two are parents to a soon-to-be 3-year-old named Ayden.

**How do you prepare for a second child versus your first?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

You know you should be preparing for your second baby's

arrival, but how? You've already been through this once before! You pretty much have everything taken care of...so you think! Despite the fact that you're already a parent, pregnancy the second time around does have its differences. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Plan to adjust:** Don't forget to talk to the big brother or sister about what's to come. Be positive when you're discussing the new baby and help the first child adjust to the idea of having a sibling. If he or she isn't entirely thrilled with the prospect of gaining a new family member, or they're just simply too young to understand, help them feel included by letting them pick out toys or other special items for the new baby.

**2. Organize:** Day-to-day errands you were able to do with ease with one child will be a little bit more difficult to manage with two. Schedule some fun family events and kids' activities. Make sure you have a good way to keep track of things because you're bound to forget something along the way.

**3. Relax:** Get as much rest in as you can. You won't have to worry about too much sibling rivalry until the newborn becomes mobile. With a new baby on the way, the little family moments you'll experience will count even more the second time around!

**Do you have more than one child? How did you prepare for the additional bundles of joy? Share your experience below.**

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## **Celebrity Moms Share Mother's**

# Day Plans



by Jenny Schafer for

Celebrity Baby Scoop

In honor of Mother's Day on May 12th, we asked some of our favorite celebrity moms how they're planning to spend the special day.

From new moms Holly Madison and Giuliana Rancic to mom-of-four Tori Spelling to single mom Kelly Bensimon, let's look at how the stars celebrate all things mom.

**Related Link:** [Giuliana Rancic Chats About 'Ready for Love' and Being a Mom](#)

**Giuliana Rancic:**

Reality stars Giuliana Rancic and Bill Rancic welcomed their first child, son **Duke**, in August 2012. The new mom opened up to Celebrity Baby Scoop about her big plans to celebrate her first Mother's Day.

“Bill and I are having our moms come to LA for Mother’s Day – to make it special for all of us,” she shared. “We’re planning a fancy bunch with the whole family at a nice hotel in Newport Coast and then a walk on the beach. Reall, I just want to relax and enjoy the day together as a whole family.”

She added: “This Mother’s Day is especially meaningful because it’s my first time to celebrate as a mother, of course! After struggling for years to have a baby, it’s a real gift to be able to spend the special day with Bill, Duke and our family.”

### **Holly Madison:**

Before welcoming her first child, daughter **Rainbow**, on March 5, *Playboy* model Holly Madison opened up to Celebrity Baby Scoop about her hopes for her first Mother’s Day.

“I hope my boyfriend and I can find something fun to do that someone only a few months old will enjoy,” Holly shared. “Maybe we will take her to the Springs Preserve (a park here in Vegas) and see if she reacts to any of the animals and the nature.”

### **Tiffani Thiessen:**

*White Collar* star Tiffani Thiessen is mom to 2-year-old daughter **Harper**. The *Saved by the Bell* alum opened up to Celebrity Baby Scoop about celebrating Mother’s Day in New York City with her mom and her daughter.

“Being a mom now myself, it is even more special,” she shared. “What’s great is we will be in New York again this year as I shoot Season 5 of *White Collar*. I’ll get to celebrate the day with my Mom and my daughter, all of us together.

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### **Brooke Burns:**

Actress Brooke Burns is mom to 13-year-old daughter **Madison**. The former *Baywatch* star opened up to Celebrity Baby Scoop about enjoying Mother's Day with her daughter and mother.

"I'm very sentimental about Mother's Day," she shared. "First of all, my mother was/is the most wonderful, loving, understanding mom. A true example in word and deed. I love that there is a day that reminds me to verbally honor her."

"Also, when I was young, I was told I might never be able to have kids," she continued. "So, I usually make Maddy look me in the eyes and I give her some speech that starts, and ends, in 'happy tears.' She's used to it."

Brooke added: "I also make it a point to tell all my mommy friends how incredible they are, because no one really knows how hard, demanding, beautiful, exhausting, and painfully rich motherhood is, except another mom."