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## These moms are No. 1

Here are the 5 mothers who won our Makeover Your Mom contest

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Here are the 5 women who won our Makeover Your Mom contest. The winners, clockwise from left, Eleanor McGonigal, Debbie Silveti, Carol Russell, Charlene Weldon, and Ginny Dussell. Photos, Jessica Griffin, Daily News

ONE'S A tough Philly cop who has legal custody of her grandchild. Another is counting the days until her husband returns from his second deployment in Iraq. And one is a sleep-deprived 25-year-old, caring for 10-month-old twin girls while holding down a part-time job at a cleaning service.

Another lost her beloved husband two years ago. And one needs a new look to match her newly trim figure.

Like hard-working mothers everywhere, these women spend way more time taking care of other people's needs than they do their own. So, in honor of Mother's Day, we decided to treat them to new outfits and a day of beauty treatments, compliments of the Louis Christian Wayne Robert Spa and Salon in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Boutiques such as LeeheFai of Rittenhouse Square and Au Courant in Cherry Hill, N.J., donated the clothing. And one lucky mother got a \$600 gift certificate for a pair of custom-made shoes from **Tupli**, a new shoemaker in New York City.

The moms were nominated by *Daily News* readers who sent us letters explaining why their mothers deserved to be pampered. We received hundreds of nominations. Although all the mothers were deserving, we could only select five. Here are the dramatic results of our Makeover Your Mom contest.

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Ginny Dussell

Where she lives: South Philly.

Background: This stay-at-home mom's life revolves around her 10-month-old daughters, Kasey and Kailyn. A couple of days a week, she manages to get a breather by helping out at a friend's office-cleaning business.

Who nominated her: Her husband, David, who wrote, "I loved my wife before we had children, but I fell in love with her again when I saw how her generosity as a mom has made me a better person. With not enough time in the day to even muster up the thought of a makeover, a complete day of pampering would be just what my wife needs to feel like she is part of the adult world again."

About her clothes: Rosemary Bullock of Au Courant chose a gray-striped, Japanese-style linen jacket with white pants and a tank top by Erin Hwa.

About her hair: Stylist Daniella DiTomo blew her hair out straight, then cut shape into it. "She had really coarse, curly hair naturally, and I wanted to be able to see how it was going to fall." The result was a cut that gives Dussell natural, softer curls.

"You don't have to be a perfectionist with curly hair. Wild sexy hair is more fun," DiTomo said.

About her makeup: Makeup artist Kathryn Sparacio applied a light foundation, powder, under-eye concealer and light champagne, all-over eye shadow, with rose and soft taupe accents. She also applied soft peach blush, neutral lip liner and gold lip gloss.

"Always change colors for the season," Sparacio advised. "But go with what works for your coloring... . You can never go wrong with a soft look."

Mom's reaction: "I feel like a new person. I feel important and loved that my husband appreciates me as a mother enough to write in and have this done for me. I can't remember the last time I treated myself."

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Debbie Silveti

Where she lives: Mayfair.

Who she is: A Philadelphia police officer, she works more than 40 a hours a week and also has legal custody of her grandson, who is a "handful," according to Silveti's daughter, Holly.

Who nominated her: Holly Silveti, who wrote, "She does so much for her kids (us four), she just doesn't have time for herself."

About her clothes: Paul Virilli of Jan's Boutique in Marlton, N.J., chose a figure-flattering, two-piece pants outfit by Caribe and urged her to "be confident with your personal style!"

About her makeup: Artist Kelly Smith shaped Silveti's brows and applied foundation, concealer and powder as a base, then added color to brighten her eyes and lined them to enhance their shape. Finally, she added a hint of color on her lips and cheeks.

About her hair: Stylist Stacy Rieger gave Silveti "a light trim [and] tousled blowout." Colorist Lana Grachovia added highlights to enhance her eye color and skin tone.

"She can let it air dry with some gel or blow it out with a round brush for a more polished look," Rieger said. "She has beautiful hair. She just needs a little update."

About her nails: Nail technician Janeen Maida gave Silveti a full manicure, including a hand massage, hot towels on her hands and nail polish in a pale pink shade called Sweet Heart, by DPI.

Mom's reaction: "I thought it was real nice."

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Carol Russell

Where she lives: Northeast.

Who she is: Russell recently lost about 80 pounds but hadn't bothered to treat herself to a new wardrobe. Although she's retired from the U.S. Postal Service, she recently started a new job and needed some new clothes.

Who nominated her: Her daughters, LaVerne Smith and Denise Lockett, who wrote, "She is a great lady and we love her very much. She is also a wonderful grandmother to our children. Our mother has done something recently that makes her a number one candidate for a makeover. She has lost about 80 pounds. She looks great, but she just needs a new look now that all the weight is gone. All her clothes are too big and she's still dressing like when she was big. We think she needs to show off her new figure and have a hairdo to match."

About her clothes: Roz Lichterman of the Gem'n'I boutique in Cherry Hill, N.J., chose a Darjoni off-white sweater set and an Isda skirt that was "flattering to her figure."

About her hair: Colorist Barbara Framo applied a rich, velvety brown color "to cover gray and enhance her natural hair color and texture." Rich Norris cut and styled Russell's hair for a shorter look.

About her makeup: Artist Kathryn Sparacio applied foundation, concealer, powder, contour for nose, cheeks and chin, mahogany lipliner and soft, rose-gold lipstick. She put pink-gold eyeshadow under the eyebrow and matte pink color on the lid, with rose on the bone.

"She looked good in the cooler palette versus warmer," Sparacio said.

Mom's reaction: "Happy." She loves her new hair and makeup and said it had been two years since she had treated herself to a new outfit or hairdo.

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Charlene Weldon

Where she lives: East Oak Lane.

Who she is: This mother of three and grandmother of two said she doesn't get out much to have fun, because she fears missing her husband's calls from Iraq, where he's serving his second military deployment. Since he's five years younger than her, it's important to this child-care worker that she look youthful.

Who nominated her: She did, writing, "My children are too busy with their lives to consider writing you and probably don't think I need a makeover."

"Soldiers' wives have down days and weeks," she said, which convinced us that a makeover was just what she deserved, especially as her husband returns home for a two-week leave this month.

About her clothes: Marian Parker of Plus Lady by Marian Inc., in Haddonfield, N.J., chose a "very chic, contemporary black pantsuit that takes one throughout the day into the evening" by Lola. Weldon also won a pair of custom-design shoes by **Tupli** of New York.

About her hair: Stylist Isaac Herder gave her the first cut she'd had in a year, reshaping her hair for a youthful new look. Colorist Johanna Scaffo removed red tones and added light brown highlights to complement her skin tone.

Mom's reaction: "It was a lot of fun. Had a great time. Not something I could do often."

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Eleanor McGonigal

Where she lives: Northeast.

Who she is: At 52, McGonigal has had more than a few bad breaks in her life. This warehouse worker needed a little pick-me-up to make her feel beautiful again.

Who nominated her: Her son, John F. McGonigal, who wrote that when his mom's husband died in 2003, she fell "into her shell and has been there ever since. Please hear me. I'm here to tell you that my mother is the most beautiful person (both inside and out)... . She's not only my mom, she's my best friend and she deserves a makeover so she can regain the confidence she once had."

About her clothes: Leehe Fai Goldfarb of the LeeheFai boutique in Philadelphia chose a white tank top with button detail by Free People and pink, boot-cut pants by Sabrizio Gianna.

"This mom had a cute and slim figure. The outfit complemented her style but kept with her conservative taste," said Goldfarb. "She has a great figure and should show it off!"

About her hair: Colorist Lisa DiLauro used a single-process brunette shade with a glaze on the ends to bring out McGonigal's eyes and enhance her skin tone.

About her makeup: Makeup artist Maria Quintas cut and tweezed her eyebrows and applied foundation, lipliner and lipstick. For McGonigal's eyes, she used taupe and rose shadows with white highlights on the brows. Finally, Quintas added rose cream blush.

Nails: Technician Josephine Culmone did her nails and gave her some advice: Get a manicure once a week and "continue to put herself first for a change."

Mom's reaction: It's "wonderful, special, just being pampered."