Patricia Matheny ([11:33:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/UVC1feaBfzrKGq8RQ_COVDSKRsnm_42MRWxSKrU2tBtc-IXq9NnabGP_9373aGE4t297L5hhkr3aR8OtCcCtfKvUcm0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=0)):

Patricia Matheny, P-A-T-R-I-C-I-A M-A-T-H-E-N-Y.

Preston ([11:34:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ocOHD0dIgaQF3Cq-m0rFJo4RAhx9wdtJroHV6DObl47elSc_qnomTkBtOcEICUYq8lvStCl75jnDFoeHuKvhR2wzfvA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=8.16)):

Great. And so just tell me a little bit about, I'd just love to know a little bit more about you, your background, where you grew up, and what your family situation is like growing up, as much as you'd be willing to tell us.

Patricia Matheny ([11:34:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/dn0GTn0eswzvLyr4_iVY3JGCP2ZuB9Tk89zVTUBxMHOiq1BZNEOGFX_J2WgN_GInLuvhw1eF2eLOb-w5cWsEvfVrZbU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=19.77)):

Okay. I was born in Detroit, Michigan. I have two sisters and a brother. I'm a middle child and I always felt like my moms just gave them more attention than me, but she said, "No, of course not. You just knew how to do everything." I'm like... But yeah, I'm a middle child, like I said. Life was pretty good. My dad, he worked for Chrysler. My mom, she didn't work. She stayed home and watched us. And we moved here to Chicago maybe when I was 10. And everything just been going good from there. Mom, she was kind of strict I felt. But now growing up and I'm older now, I know why she was like she was because she was trying to protect me because I didn't know. I was a little girl and I thought I knew, but I didn't know. But other than that, yeah, it was a pretty good life.

Preston ([11:35:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/eLMkHJwSY8qtLVeWmHDh4MJXyMG6o1xPRm-BxQCENMyGnkDXxp4R-VTCBet6o_eBYFwGSJfwu9NgxzxS2aAjlqm39Vw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=81.12)):

And of course, you definitely know now that you have kids that you're mothering yourself. Tell me a little bit about how some of that experience with your mom has kind of helped play out in the way that you parent the children that you have.

Patricia Matheny ([11:35:28](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/4ch6viA42CPdy9RerWAfzQsEFvMz2E4XmtoTw3VYRjSnGO75gJNvct2p-GzPD-rKDu7Dh-wJP5PIZrTOHrEu0oiTM0A?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=94.38)):

Okay. Now just knowing, going through it and the same thing they tell me now that, "Oh Mommy, you too strict", or "Mommy, you don't know." And I'm like, "Yes, Mommy used to be a little girl too." But I just try to help them. I don't want them to make mistakes that I made. So I just try to tell them now that you can't do certain things. But they always say, "Mommy, you say no to a lot of things, but you always come with a yes." And so that makes me feel good. I'd be like, "Yay." So just taking it one day at a time, too. We working together. As long as I see that smile on their face, I'm good. It is good to go. Yes.

Preston ([11:36:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/dv1FsgA_r37mhXL87WnqZ-UwxY45JZ8UnWQLNEM9X_PfyFFN-__459IZI7eoJMyiX1eW7EpV9kQXLlo-ci3WPyvLM00?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=143.61)):

So tell me a little bit about your household here. And you don't have to go into names, but if you just want to tell me how many children you have in the house and then give me ages, that would be helpful.

Patricia Matheny ([11:36:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/gZG098aETP2Xx96W3pAR5Xqi4dY0Yg13oN6bHnvo02jqa25vPMB4ReROKbBEhdiwIvLXiZKZC2IO44NL-Lz_yrPtN9A?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=153.84)):

Okay. I have a total of six kids. I have a one-year-old, two three-year-olds, two eight-year-olds and one nine-year-old. And it's been a lot of work. I have three babies, so two of them is in diapers and one is potty trained. So it's kind of a lot. But my two eight-year-olds and my nine-year-olds are good. They clean up their beds. They help me a lot with them, so it makes it my job a little bit easier, but they keep me going. Definitely.

Preston ([11:37:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/7pUeghKHcKIlaqFg7iEFTSdCf7y_x_tkYAOZCt1_pDj39-BAfkS6PsjfOTIQ6GEhy26J43n7FqsS9pGeE_1RGKzUaTA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=191.85)):

Sounds like a very busy household.

Patricia Matheny ([11:37:07](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/V9UYNLSk1tF3gjPajk3k3F8uYm-8NtRWDAAAeTKjZpDftl1zZM_EpplvykgIdxIgVZgMowE1duktJM17r75QsuVGcSw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=193.56)):

Yes, it is, but happy.

Preston ([11:37:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/yJUWofwUaO0bkuBVUaMlbFCSmgnNimyQ1rKMQYjcZGTtSKrlBbhPok2My3R4q6EGr0zjRbgdnCq9wfMNaPiF5tZ4HD4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=195.75)):

Oh, so go ahead and tell me a little bit about, and I'd love to hear that again, but tell me about the energy of the home. It's busy, but a happy home. Just tell me a little bit about that.

Patricia Matheny ([11:37:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/4MQY6ahnJpPoSfVMpg88O023Y3fzggwUq4XFhyMh1lZ42J_JCYPhC3USW8klmbQuh2Rr0YteOMMjuBQ6zCUXCt7ONGA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=203.16)):

Yes, it's a happy home. They want to play every day, go outside every day, rain, snow, sunshine. But I have to tell them, "No, not every day." So what we do as an activity to let them burn off some energy, we put on a kid's workout and we all get in. We work out from the one-year-old to the nine-year-old. We work out for 20 minutes, but I give them tablet time, TV time. They love snacks. Morning, noon, night, they love their snacks. So I try to keep them happy. I buy things that they like. And of course, I do give it to them. I give them to them like three to four times a day. I do.

Preston ([11:38:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/sXs4rJsUAInbv78iE7Y9tNYj8vTmNY2snx1wVgLT-rJtQ-SlbGDh8pgbQ1GC-DzvBe44kuVFteG4ilgXj2akddEY1Bs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=249.66)):

Tell me a little bit about your background and what led you into foster care.

Patricia Matheny ([11:38:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/TTpI56ARQTFQSGEi24X968bwivuV_l3ZgG4C2JSWBgb9C17PTFOz4gn1A7fsbhVzdMCm5ohn7lawVU4JOzdTRet13qc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=255.57)):

Well, should I say, I used to work for the city or what?

Preston ([11:38:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/AHA66hssOaztbjPr2ihGRJi4i-cTx_W2ZDJAPP7GWdGUoxxgYDNlQ9jhiRygIZTjUneXuyceEz-u62DlyoOuDfwI76c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=260.16)):

I don't know that we need that detail.

Patricia Matheny ([11:38:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/MezvasnX5cCrDhoTsykA0n4tIjznIDWUoCYCMgsqwLvzTnlEEWqfhpdcOqW9KrhLor8LK3wwkMuVRiQqIqQV29C6gAw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=263.61)):

Okay.

Preston ([11:38:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Zda9XyRxyvTpUC-yBrUq6QYEFRtv0Ltm-6ZW9RECRAXYj_0utxw39hH9-54ZFMNyFMNoGiYnRFsGdRO9SoJCeNwmgEE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=263.64)):

If you just want to kind of tell us where you were in life and you don't need to give details about those things, but we were talking earlier off-camera that you were going through some difficult things.

Patricia Matheny ([11:38:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/07sLlSQwVsYhmzzuMJH682VupFFgXVE1zNWm3wBou6UQMzwCjp65gD_HzCuOxZZ8cU2IWIpD7T4KP7U5-G8cGaLxwNc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=272.64)):

Yes.

Preston ([11:38:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/SbKeq0sQK2WyT4lTxDpUQAob3TvoPVx34cNdPxKLcoexcKIEqeQuFKbT_rU7cjYjC28vpDWQZ1ZeeSIy1xDNoV-8I_8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=273.18)):

And so you can be as vague as that, but I'd love to just kind of know what kind of got you into the idea of foster care.

Patricia Matheny ([11:38:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/D32NNEeuNTmXCiBo9zOZEYlhkl895wEvy_QDAZ8amLdDiXnl3cRCc6zU_7mb-aL92HL4ITSQ5zD0bD_Or3y6V3xVBlw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=279.63)):

Okay. So what kind of got me into it, I was going through a divorce and I was feeling a little lonely, broken, and heartbroken. So I had a business at Forest City doing eyebrows, lashes, and makeup. And I had a customer and she had four little kids with her and they were some cute little kids. And I asked her, "All those your kids?" And she said, "Yes." And so I was like, "Wow." I have raised two sons of my own and it was a lot back then. And I was like, "Wow, you're doing a really good job."

([11:39:12](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/iag0fJYMBpR5SzHnvoXPu5mi3zu_FquGC6DY4psyLZgnICQwdePuk6-0doA9CjOaPpV0z2YboalihoJ2aiPVGKkTONQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=318.6)):

And so then later when she came back to visit me, she told me that those wasn't her kids, they were kids in care. And I said, "Wow." And she said, "Would you like to do something like that?" And I said, "Absolutely no." But then she said, "Why not?" I said, "I don't know." I didn't think about doing that ever since I've been raising my own kids. I hate I look like that, y'all.

Preston ([11:39:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/YuvAQi3PN_nIIY1Twg1DTxIEg-5yFI4jsm-eUizH2J3jgGeWFnh7QHrCMzLFKgJUnUwpcYk65v5TjHhrWx6OMXKe6xE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=343.35)):

Let's pause for just one second. There was a-

Patricia Matheny ([11:39:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/5qK50YWJta4zHa0IXLY5InbaBRVme4FVHlWuTt12wEayTt5CqAjN94pwjpidbMcXMOJ01YikAofwmLSC91BnpkwDqQI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=348.96)):

Right, that gnat.

Preston ([11:39:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/VC7oZf3TmOW5XoeoksC-RPF57DCIxPWFoGneHS0xXy24pET-1Zd1xSIJpzUuHzcbGhMbjDVF7rXixY0UberaW2qne6w?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=348.96)):

That gnat. That's what I saw, too.

Patricia Matheny ([11:39:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Nzg8fmZyggE7foPbrdNjSk91byoyX6In5lm0OtVwBG4bif1PwOqoJwPWYXYPL7BUDwoGM_fdUj1PpqDRZvPEXWOrNvQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=348.96)):

That's why I'm like... I know, right. Okay.

Preston ([11:39:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/qAGMRdl4i4Ngg1-Dvg22yNB3rIMD8On66Q0z8WA-0Vp85T0KmK6F4zGCnnebQGrtY8LhHHTr5dInBsZWJjx727CcaH0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=360.84)):

So what I would love to do is I would love to just condense that backstory.

Patricia Matheny ([11:39:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/uGu04ehiDqAp_Ql2c1RD2NGgtcjyGxaTMyYKdD7G1kHLTPjc3dukBIb-DnIz6ayPQWkuXpY6_xVhEPSMUJ8O6dlAQmc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=365.58)):

Okay.

Preston ([11:39:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/tlNBERcdATugIQpm98ouSeSddegvtCDR3QWqJrTsg0bJi_rUijX7GFC6QvEswTsasaXsHaTIYTfKmMqtLyc462cYlmA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=365.97)):

We don't have to mention.

Patricia Matheny ([11:40:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/pdgrEdMkKUoHPXQY0_8UpVW3ZE2U2OhBfszU_tlcjaYb8d7QvmbzasD15KqMBd82pPB_O1wpUgDhvcV_5r5T3UT6BDc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=367.14)):

Tim.

Preston ([11:40:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/5UE-s2C-io1P_YGWjYC_PZLpn9-ssWzgK-ocSOZMuxI98SolYEnWMIRpboDR9S3hLIHNIwLTWF-39-CIbkhgKOywHsw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=367.41)):

So let's just keep it vague in terms of you were going through-

Patricia Matheny ([11:40:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/l2NUXKSFXaE_nNTl9acpBJZayLfQuyib5w0FJVDQoToHS7GL2hHfhxw6u_uo_9G3igMdcGdkFIhH2ptejgoMt-akPmI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=369.45)):

A divorce.

Preston ([11:40:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/F3LkfPlt6TpR2KkiYTHrTsrVWk4yCAxHiSgQly9RJUv9afaOaByW5s5mGPBYa78RPM_ZiNKk4lSe079wewvCb8xGmWc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=369.45)):

... a difficult time.

Patricia Matheny ([11:40:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/MPUj9gN-aTXqfnKrDshIec2Dyg2PKfchUotCwbBFy0leeNe7O592apUxdwW9orSGgwD4sOfXTFKi-ea2KZnNVMFNMy4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=369.45)):

Okay.

Preston ([11:40:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/2Nw_bIsOf6XaWxgCNQKKV8kdsCOf55L-PIS8YO-8leZTz5Qg--PpgxizKW2_J09bChBsybiGLIrtdiMDMpMuKe_NUiw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=369.6)):

We don't want to [inaudible 11:40:07].

Patricia Matheny ([11:40:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/sYEIbqT6D53m7qGy7Trut_jpJIjlObfPO1YS75AZJDUcG41B-86O6oy3FcngVG0AqUukEI_icexA5N9ozRkIHuSmViw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=370.38)):

Okay. Okay.

Preston ([11:40:07](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/yTMmElzefpy1LR_DDvXneIJ7mJl_4raAZBVpHfPIspKsY9o044xkbI_UrjtrbhXeEMKbsZuk73CT3eD0b5Z70ybaUlA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=373.35)):

We want have your privacy in terms of what was going on in your life, but if you just want to tell us that you were going through a difficult time and that you met somebody who was a foster parent and then kind of how that went from there.

Patricia Matheny ([11:40:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/lMwxdu412SlZSHBkMA6rZRBMHhxAMtx3VDJX45TVo42ZbcbUfF-g_gIoP2gzeCjswLfmtAzR4n3dp5bjMTos5wTquiI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=383.79)):

Okay.

Preston ([11:40:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/nvfXCPSYVBIDcASQfwAfLXqkzueRdxV3msnC-FbxDVpRW892zrxwLp4d5f2QYyTzt6JRGC5G4xH6Riovt4gckBDKYYM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=384.33)):

That would be great.

Patricia Matheny ([11:40:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/JliTQ4GsAPqvFWjsRL-nAOgx7gsJL2FKDkpOfrpSGw8yQ2Evzrbe9sAPm8wuZyoe_KiEMF5L2o9qJ0ZoYAiIE2oDvYg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=384.87)):

I'll make it better. Okay. So I was going through some difficult times and I met somebody who was a foster parent and she asked me would I like to do something like this. And I said, "Absolutely yes." I said, well, I said right now I wasn't sure, but as she explained everything to me, I was like, "Maybe. Let me think about it." And so she was like, "Okay." So when she came back to visit me, she asked me did I think about it. And I said, "You know what, I did." And she invited me over to show me this nice setup that they have and she explained more to me about being a foster parent. Because sometime when a parent, they don't give you a manual, it is like learn, you trial and error. So she explained more to me and then I said, "Oh, I really like this."

([11:41:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/K3UAr0ugbOKNwYyXr2kmHNQeoMnjTjDCsiDiDGJOUxh8-p-abxKgBLC-yYhTGvcgYcRqk0i0KJ5GCOgCgCTkc9imluo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=437.79)):

It was so unique and so different and I liked their mission, keeping kids together, siblings together. And so I decided to try out. I went for the interview and then I went for a second interview and a third interview. And finally, they said, "You have the job." And I was just so happy. I don't know, I was just so happy about it. And when I met the kids I have now, and [inaudible 11:41:40] was just different. It was just something about these kids that just touched my heart. And I was telling my oldest son, which is 30 years old, I said, "I met this little girl and she was just telling me what she wanted and what she didn't like and what she like." And I said, "Well, I really like her." And then I end up with her. I ended up with her. And so it's been awesome ever since. Yes, it has.

Preston ([11:42:12](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/1FDnIIxlcF5gesZuHJL4pGROXa6OCIvo5sLkZsl6_6_4jGCzvkeIa9m5xLAX9_UDMSrX05NIXbPF7E4l1Lem1vOIbws?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=498)):

Tell me a little bit about that idea of attachment. So you're kind of not even sure that this is something you want to do, but then it sounds like you saw the kids and there was almost, was it kind of an immediate kind of turn in terms of how you viewed that or what was that transition like from feeling like, nah, not really something that's for me to like, wow, this is really a valuable work and a rewarding work that I could be a part of.

Patricia Matheny ([11:42:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/31-yE45cJMFhAH2h_dTat-9_9eqvvfmUY449HeWt41gyLxWiKx3HDSpCXsiqpiAwQqsSMvLDP02QLuTJynn6Eo62NRU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=520.53)):

Yes. It was just different. When you go through different things, you try to find an avenue out, whatever's going to bring that peace and joy back to your heart. So just hearing that, finding somebody to love. Yes, I know I could have got a pet or something, but I don't know. I was a little selfish. I wasn't thinking about that. Is that good?

Preston ([11:43:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/A0Lyjl7SQMfyBLo0ucGrSWThBSyz_k-F7sSqhui9Ri97bAnmnHKoReNKdHEoiRcwbDgR8WMNB2_RyC4m-Fjqc8Jh0y8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=547.62)):

Well, so earlier you told us that story and that you had heard, and we don't need to mention any names. You had heard the advice of if you're going through something-

Patricia Matheny ([11:43:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/8Z99eMOsNaP7Irefr7ps_S7xTdboTieCb1nDKSFH4D1quHW6_4wI7PkNCrOn4SJ8kqR1V2DGEk1EAN2CQQytBJYroWs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=557.31)):

Okay. Say that?

Preston ([11:43:12](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/7_MxG1zodIcDHh2PGLu9q3vYwOvxybeEjYCuYjncyZMOu3xRjjP-72af5nGGhf77-vk9thBtVtHPVE689y3wj_rwEHo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=558)):

Somebody to love. So we won't mention the name, but just tell me a little bit about that advice and kind of how that got you thinking about... I'm sorry, I'm going to pause for a second. Dustin, you're not hearing that cell phone, are you?

Dustin ([11:43:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/eG9Xkx5Hc67xvNtVgM1MWubJDvuaYQL23bbV5G92aoi1cDjD5fdKzUmcj536HBmF_ujicxAZpGvPVvnCc-yn-Tr6lgE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=567.12)):

I am not.

Preston ([11:43:22](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/DUho7MFSOnXqMmheiKuwDPyeOPKSoRcW79HPQpli5qFbw0k69S0WI7O2HG3fqcT0QL-G1XQ0d0R_GR4Te4-H4uc3HP8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=568.59)):

Perfect.

([11:43:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/f104FW3uJuy1SU11Ug44nXefLddeBL0bwjxySr9_9SAjB8fPNCT3J9_qrnbumpdRaCLUBOvoDLLm8bWU3coT-ab9K_4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=570.15)):

So yeah, tell a little bit about that advice and how that kind of framed the way that you thought about foster care at that point.

Patricia Matheny ([11:43:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/GEwMYvS8nWBgVW4j8fhkKeQVC-lN_haibOUvZZoap5MZaDTWNPX2HdL0irEbhgIrKsSWKfV8JUgs-NTRBWmkMrLZ7Vo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=575.49)):

Okay. I was going through the difficult time in my life and I was lost and I heard somebody tell me to go find somebody to love, that would kind of get you back on the right track. And I came here to One Family. Oh, no names.

Preston ([11:43:56](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Pj7s2oWx1FN6EdJc61s4yguW0YhFV9hVtqspMF1D5skrSgerM3qz950Ulb3OavK0Rkc-FOSnEFTjmPs-FwDVtQNBJTg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=602.19)):

No, no, no, that was fine. That was fine. So you want to just pick it up with I came here to One Family and you can continue though. You're doing great. That was awesome.

Patricia Matheny ([11:44:04](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/dqjRrfc9m5bA5xGSUZukiPRES9f0QhcKOqT70ita6AMhBvTyYRzd0kY7t6FXilZLth_UxyAtyFFAEu2z2no1DigPfkk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=610.17)):

I came here, I found One Family Illinois and I found some kids and they gave me a job. I was fostering. I've been... I don't know why I'm messing up.

Preston ([11:44:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Q2cKB4JD7_Sm2EfnS0jluI6jzfxQkuVks8ZLefu8NpEJ6h10ZF7RlxDtMEGO2-z44P81fOrycDjthikyD8FZcpUVPlw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=621.9)):

You're doing great. Don't second-guess yourself. You're doing wonderful.

Patricia Matheny ([11:44:19](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/EDrM5IvzSg0sl-iP9rV7dA7ChcGVYFMJ6wW3Fk-1mc4mm7YV-8I4uQwvJicDJilzn6cIkA4pkWggXRKUiRBiv9Vj9Q8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=625.53)):

Okay.

Preston ([11:44:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Jalwa_DF0LpORMaaEfn2PW-vpFG2ECbYcOoNucFpKmNnW8qXW_oc6qaQN26YPiZwWXuvHZtxcQ90bRbbGobLivx68FI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=626.28)):

Yeah. So just to continue with kind of how you were going through something difficult and there's other people in need and it's almost like the connection with the two of you was solving a problem for both of you, right?

Patricia Matheny ([11:44:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/BkoYqch8gQ6EDdOxKfxZp3Hc3EpaGFFc69OQvbKee7LPt7W1oGzoSIjn6xA-Szg7Pfd34IHzMp28WaQPjVfy2vN3doY?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=639.69)):

Yes, it did.

Preston ([11:44:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/sGl16A_Xz_4c9BAVgTTw-DM7mq_8asdJY_PtCeuWBR8RRh7Jr7lK7e0zJkdmmdannyvmzdqib-iLkYX_2wHA15nEWXo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=641.19)):

The kids were finding fulfillment and you were too. So I just want to hear a little bit more about this transition for you.

Patricia Matheny ([11:44:41](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/yXbx9wgSEWSB_atkwIduGlHL1LuJaJsli5pUXULXzh8g50qat6xAMh_nOhhGV0y7phl4_7E7xs66dbXxPjF4JqvSO3I?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=647.73)):

So I was going through some difficult times in my life and somebody told me to find somebody to love to kind of mend a hurting heart or loneliness. And I came here to One Family Illinois and I started working here as a professional foster parent. I met six beautiful kids and we connected. It was just something they had that I needed and something I had that they needed. We just went from there. They started calling me mommy and I was like, "Whoa, mommy? You don't have to call me mommy, baby." I said, "You can call me Ms. Patricia or you can just call me TT or you can even call me grandma." But they said, "No, we want to call you mommy." So that right there was like, yes. Although I have two grown kids of my own, it was just something different. It just like starting all over again with having kids because with my own kids, I was always moving a lot, not moving from house to house, but trying to get to my job and trying to make sure they get to school.

([11:46:00](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/R8EhCSg5JvMI2gvzH0VIohmG6EkkiMD65nho55z_IBRwLdP1aaAgr0m1howlps0BlEoFcbwByT5VSZZsUjX1RhWKSnk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=726.69)):

But here, I like how the concept is the set up that you are able to stay home. You're here when the kids get home, you see them off, you have that hot meal for them before they leave and once they get home from school. So I like that. I didn't have that when I was raising my kids and I wanted to know how that felt because I was working, their dad was working so we was always gone. But coming here, being a professional foster parent, I like it. It was great. It was a new adventure for me.

Preston ([11:46:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/b1JVLzHdGsXc3GQA1pXxnEEdE0Xh26dbmbiSSII02DdBTrNlqdbo_YdlXIbAjCP4pM6dJEvZcScZtP0kI2DZxEpAeno?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=765.03)):

Sounds like it's been really rewarding for you. What are some of the challenges that you face being a foster parent?

Patricia Matheny ([11:46:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/gItgY6ujkDg2VHkXn17TD4K-3eUa3rPVI4DmWhZi54HBlv5hlq99kAlgDYASG_HQJ67c9cgdc-QtdMWiceYPJ-AI0yY?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=771.69)):

Some of the challenges are just with some of the bio parents, they kind of be a little upset because they feel like that we trying to take their kids or something like that. And I try to just continue to let them know that I'm here to work with you so the kids can go back home to you and everything and whatever you need that you don't know that I can show you, I can help you or we can find out together. So that's been one of the big challenges.

([11:47:22](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/50l_Q05as4NJroxVfp4UbwurLHd1VbwVijdC_3qdYnKQXBzY3S6_kNxskamHdxldmr1xVaPe-kaLjwemMxA8TI31lek?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=808.98)):

The second challenge is sometime you have to basically just assure the kids, too, that I'm here for you. We're going to work through this, we're going to get through this together. Just it's a hero that's in you and I'm going to help you to see that and mom and dad is going to be there for you when the time comes. So I try to explain to them that it's not going to be a long-term. I don't know. Wait, I'm messing up, y'all. I just try to let them know that because they be scared too. So I try to just give them confidence that it's okay, I'm here to help. And you going to go home one day. It might not be now, but you're not going to always be this age and this size. You're going to get bigger and bigger and older and older and you're going to go home to your family.

Preston ([11:48:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/M870Riq2Z_fY-npoN5M_zejdkQBwJ203vfOv7hdnk88B6YYvuhh_B97Evf7u0Cj3T2EnJccml0K0gDlNU0YTiLXokak?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=867.45)):

And to some degree, you're showing them that there is hope.

Patricia Matheny ([11:48:24](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/5H9udnBTnjgqcjICsXjTAQlAyxMvhSJA-wDJ24W6JrfUjQjzl0gVf9Oj_VAvi0AQlaafNI5D0RQDVBKdP-oX_5cKRfU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=870.06)):

Yeah, there is hope. Definitely, there is hope. Don't give up.

Preston ([11:48:31](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/qOBgNlgH4m8Hyp35P5FsC8w3318Xnwkk9SCF7X7yx3pFgk2MkUW1M-t_h5JmVw0FWDjxN8P8IPz58QcS1dVWU8yC7s8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=877.53)):

What are some of the challenges? So you just kind of touched on just how you like to help the kids do these things, but what are some of the challenges that children that are in foster care are facing in terms of loss and identity and all those things? Can you speak to that?

Patricia Matheny ([11:48:46](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/vq3ky20JJb7qtqv44aGOGppZXyYg8b1Nz6jYBymjhgk2q2Hw-A0-XGJPZGDA37cJREjYIvvGO3TdgDGiziHtV8RqmFs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=892.59)):

I think some of the challenges are just not wanting to listen. Some of the kids feel like because you're not they bio parent, they don't have to listen to you. But it makes it a little tough on both ends because when you don't want to listen, I'm the adult here, I'm not going to tell you nothing that's wrong or anything. But a lot of times, some of the teenagers, they kind of push back because they just want they mom or they want they dad. So that's one of the challenges with me. But I don't have teenagers now. What I do is I kind of passive aggressive, be a little passive aggressive, more passive to them to let them know that, okay, if I'm giving them everything they want, they going to eventually start doing what I ask too. I end up winning anyway. So that's what I do pretty much.

Preston ([11:49:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/U8p6OTnND-6C-DJT6Lby8PW8YQUQ4zN-kRfRRh7h84Om9Wl6zZTAjCllXTXIj647aKt-pnd8wx7eOcqTywtbO2A2k0k?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=951.36)):

I would love to just hear about some of the... Do you feel like when kids have lost, when they're forced to move out of their home, they're leaving their parents, that can be a really traumatic experience. In your experience with the kids that you've had in your home, has that been a challenge? Can you speak to how they're feeling? Is there a mental health component to some of the struggles that they're going through with what they've come out of?

Patricia Matheny ([11:50:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/tY4jdM1WYvKPC0DMqSRga4WlynjGdPqVJGywlYBqy5_AXiXFXK34C6FiLum4OOK01Gzpz80JX70xu3FT2S1QJdFL3JQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=976.83)):

I think it mostly be scared. See, they be scared and they be unsure. So once you kind of assure them it's okay, you're going to be okay. You safe here, I'm here for you. Whatever you need, you can ask, we'll work it out, we'll figure it out together. And if I don't know... I love one thing about One Family Illinois, too, the support that they have, they are here to support us. They make it happen. And if I don't know something, I can definitely talk, reach out to the caseworker, reach out to my director and they'll let me know.

Preston ([11:50:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/64jlkF360t15LaskoVK0u_xzXPBUxAUK_00Ct14uJrTZz0maw0dWr2pg3PDnPXScyIdvobC5BpRKkNUKWhGGBbMeUPg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1019.28)):

What does it mean to you to know that you have these children that are coming into your care and they're afraid and they're scared and they're unsure, these feelings that you were just explaining and you can now offer them stability and you can help them be sure, right? Is that part of your job is to help give them confidence that there is somebody that loves them and wants to provide for them?

Patricia Matheny ([11:51:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/6lwDhiIVJKCD448dfQFOFKuX5of6cqYTDNuj3LiAvmsSPyDhA5UQnFKszIF-DbLHA72UryZvDyYvQPHTQAFHUErjudc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1039.98)):

Yes, I think so. And if it wasn't part of the job, I still would do it because that's the way I was brought up. You have to assure, you have to... I'm messing up, y'all.

Preston ([11:51:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/sZxO3h6AeOh8GuVozpfU9RMH0ii92V6qM_uYH-O1TgduXP6fs6aJ5bKV0940weQdNMNArbHqbloQJ4qg9dL86Ov3A4k?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1053.42)):

Hold on one second. You're doing great. Terry.

Terry ([11:51:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/6zhivnh2qiSPRZyG_Rd4pcm9uoYn7yQ7n6bi6GeuAD4cPmWsXet-R5CHX5VGtLI8OUD_Wt9XLmmI_JCQb0gCJ_mnyd8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1053.42)):

Yeah.

Preston ([11:51:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/J2_-9gullMPpr7gmdD2nvQEg1Mfw1NLJu0MMbVvHBwa6xX3UOLMiFY4ZISDq3jYtorgIeXx-xMXwY9gsr5i8neYoAh0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1055.88)):

Terry, can we turn that down just a little bit? Thank you so much.

Patricia Matheny ([11:51:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/p1_b2_nmY87lGQb8e-taTpG39tsJHfDE_B8eiyYkE1-C-kIw2iqH0S_djYO7zEnz0aC9eKrCCJnl4YaBvX1rO2PcAJI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1062.15)):

Okay, tell me again.

Preston ([11:51:37](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/l8mfuLmdydPySxNhHevWZ46qC5cpdR-_zdxb1oEXJhjn4cblBNpp7cXVeNx_AgeStPIr-4OQNEIpH1mbSIeIVpO_tCQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1063.17)):

You're doing fantastic. Thank you, Terry.

Patricia Matheny ([11:51:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/0A72DRzqZIrkIUBIZRO4baZ8TXoUsWdfHf40kQpl1MK8zo101SM5jIOiwx5BaXUkrSAyfGYAvjQT3PakhvcMLCQ-7cM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1064.76)):

Tell me again.

Preston ([11:51:42](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/nPV4w9VoIwzTJOlSnmhHiy_tDSpgKuynzoWnHEBRPdf_vWGOuFYR91SLrIQE388EDkrNxRfxYw93paAJSD0lxyAzzDA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1068.36)):

Let me just ask that again because I'd love to just hear a little bit more about how it makes you feel to know that you're offering them the support and confidence and the fact they now know that there's an adult that does care for them and wants to provide for them.

Patricia Matheny ([11:51:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/fDBBmNlpgbhLC87r4DVeQiN9x2P7YRbB32dqoQBrvpgK9QY1Q_U8_c2mpxdtdA6fCD2GAMsHjXVUVmlXj0G9kO-L-eo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1084.5)):

It makes me feel pretty good. Yeah, it does. I almost said some names. It makes me feel good because then it's a trust. They feel like they can trust me. I'm somebody here that they can come to. If they wake up from a dream or something, they can just call me. I'm going to listen. Even though I be asleep, I hear them. I go right to their aid and let them know, "It's okay. Mommy's here." Or I might say, "Ms. Patricia is here. It's okay, you just had a bad dream. Go back to sleep" or something. But I work on just trying to, it's like normalcy. I know that they here, but I make it so that they don't feel like you missing out on anything. Whatever you would be doing at home, we going to do it here and some. So that's how I try to make it seem, I try to let them know that it's okay. You're okay here. You're okay.

Preston ([11:53:01](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/4zxqFvW7d2J16T3enyTzEfRwouZH_RK1kmXZV6lcra47kG0rPZrgbekD2cLo_ALMEb9NYnQsPzMiZuYTyatrC0LNjSI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1147.74)):

One of the things that makes One Family unique and special is that the whole model is built around keeping siblings together. And you grew up with two siblings of your own. Can you speak to your experience and your family experience growing up and the importance of these children having their siblings with them?

Patricia Matheny ([11:53:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/eIjeGnWaK-F65nIUGEz2NG9UH9OYIi4NlMn_h_fP93M4Cb6tEZNjuEe3z3DnPani1b-wB7WFy_YUGeq2StGLL2BUGxQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1169.73)):

Yeah, it's very important because you can talk to your older sister or you watching out for your baby sister or your baby brother. I was a middle child, I am a middle child and I felt like when my younger sister, I would have her to come to different parties with me knowing that we're going to get in trouble. But she was the one that can dance so great, so I would take her with me sometime. We're like three years apart. And I would tell her, "Don't tell moms. Don't tell mommy. Don't tell mommy." And my older sister, she was always like, "No, you're too young. You can't come with me. No, go back, Pat." And my brother, he was always into sports and everything. But with these kids, we do everything together. So I like that they are not too far apart and whatever one does, I do it for all of them.

([11:54:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/bzrK7fESjS5j1bGAo3cMqq_f3OU84JX9YMMVhPmneb0SucpQh0MhPF4LcXFecg91xOh6aYgcSff1wAheMCjVf9buP2w?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1229.76)):

We do it all together. We're going to football games, basketball games. We go to the park and we ride our scooters and bikes. So we do it together. So I like that more than... It was different too, when I was coming up, we were able to just go out and play and we knew to be right back in front of that house when the street lights come on. In this day and age, you have to be out there with the kids because people is walking up and doing different things. When I was coming up, the neighbors, we all was like one family. If I did something, that neighbor was going to say something. And please don't let her tell my mommy and my daddy because I knew what time that was. Opposed to this day and age, you just got to be out there with them. You cannot really let them be out by they self.

Preston ([11:55:20](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Zz8s4Mhh9SNQ7dyahE67Ia62afXbaVDv5aRZlWvdN6XsAc3xZal31npflKoDMLfIZk3mb06PhQxHN2doEaHHybIVN8A?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1286.19)):

Just pausing for that. You're doing great.

Patricia Matheny ([11:55:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/jNtq5Zys35dPFpOl00zUkhr9mTUZkEXcW08HzVonNcpA4uROMmOD6gfnte57GLrQtsZnW48XWaBtT5Chc7ElELhs6jc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1289.25)):

It don't feel like I am. My words is-

Dustin ([11:55:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/lDZsi96skDVjcxKyx3-AKCjK5cH7LH4VFl2WZtrny3Dz6y7z01hpr0nURHUg3SL2RJo9pMjp0594IxqGD4BRyX_Guzo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1293.87)):

We only use the best stuff. [inaudible 11:55:30]

Preston ([11:55:32](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/3Xz4dAttyFeNlLrogFeHDrqW_zPwBpHb3vZ39iU5zBWwRhikLWxh63WMwtpD4rkRrF5PH4V75NZCNjzoGv115ggHd9w?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1298.1)):

And then you've already said a lot of great things.

Patricia Matheny ([11:55:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ybPxTDuvThHYDhyHDVnabbh0ULECH6Sx-WqSJrd8qECsVOQOfxdAX3CN8rhIJQKQFERjXuW-IDMFBuhcuYTwGd2Yn5M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1300.44)):

Okay.

Preston ([11:55:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/aM1zhaZcXow0iNvNZP03_AbaJD3QjjLJOS_HfmMXBpoGhAjhsYTZb3siRv-JZG93YGzywx6jHFzf9GBIwJMFcrRwFSk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1301.31)):

Dustin, are you ready?

Patricia Matheny ([11:55:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/YEvtxNxs2fJxJ_3OQwhyftujSnM0lRR6VqTyacb19ydpGwbW0pNqCgGsR2C_KpgVfR7HlWRjrFkJ-1FjC9vT47mYlH8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1301.79)):

Im trying.

Dustin ([11:55:36](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Ko8g62hU4NrjAZpijEcAxlZkzOeituLeS8MNVruLfgu6XYCuFMdwQqmcqnSaRcAKri6GTLKIMtwgZwfNQWqhHG1iAnQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1302.87)):

Yes, sir. Thanks for pausing.

Preston ([11:55:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/uricB5S6P-OFINrzZrSqvZppf_aB4Q-8N2cIrncOmuI0CZI-x78lGFhsdedanX0vptnOJ2aSru0pAn7FGZTIwIZBgdI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1304.76)):

So you were just talking a little bit about your experience growing up as a kid was getting outside and running and playing until the street lights came on. So we're here to build a playground and so can you just tell me a little bit about the surrounding neighborhood. So before this playground is here, what was the situation like in terms of your kids being able to go out and ride bikes and be free to kind of be out from under your constant supervision?

Patricia Matheny ([11:56:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/DIAxtFeu1bX9z3g48Rjg56OOS8l0EwFh8nzIQYLaEuj9eCWN35fmcfj_9Bt73QofqkCjQk_m_y1d6h9eAqESJtpT8pU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1332.12)):

So before, we would go to the little YMCA playground, it was like one little slide, but the kids would have such a wonderful time. Now, you all building this playground, this is just the best. I promise you. I've been here five years and I would take them off to the playground because they wanted to go swing and play, so we would go to the park to a playground. But now, it's exciting. I'm excited. I'm so happy that you all have came and just changed these kids' lives. And not only the kids, it be the adults too. So we all going to benefit from it.

Preston ([11:56:45](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/1qP1sv2mBTUrvfYejq0RoJqPQdnoWr6QjNQnAS9XvmPrbcdNGJAXHzv_gezvN6TkU_C4bK0lV9Hx4WgjFC_xx0V9jV8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1371.51)):

I'm just going to pause and have you fix your hair one more time.

Patricia Matheny ([11:56:48](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/CDjdm4A8XjICZGbFUUC3fQ12oaiW-xQ6Ygt3B4ld6LMZB1wq3kAIP7DfNBYr7bKv_Nvt9I0Db-FHUStXHUjcItHuum8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1374.03)):

Okay.

Preston ([11:56:49](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ciT4G0qbM29LJ0IYJM3VlZf-0ehK9qZQRs85NkF8Hlw99mJYLSNjafd43t58fcBRH2wyeGxByvQ6p5YJu0A7WARZUFA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1375.14)):

Yep. Beautiful.

Patricia Matheny ([11:56:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/NgqWONsBuvb4znv2662rqfi7tRgoXRqMSfyMBJK-hiaPF5Alq88KtKREwsC9rGWTOJ3oxZr6JlkUP7rtFV7YEZ4UtWE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1376.58)):

Okay.

Preston ([11:56:54](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/lALBI19iAjJXDl6kE6eXOJjdOYMQpoTVrmPk0IQSo2VR_tCxcAOKnYNLTDrg9noPTX8NBDX0iWN7JjBJnDqaI0EFd8c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1380.39)):

So Travelers is the company that's sponsoring the build of the playground. And so I would love to just, you just expressed your gratitude, but if you wouldn't mind, if I could have you do that again and if you could just use the name Travelers in terms of Travelers is coming to build the playground. If you don't mind doing that again.

Patricia Matheny ([11:57:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/LDg9upGSD94bs74sRZ0MXZcWh9pj_xDT3R5W5FG8d-VtYhteqlFIxDaDeOC04KCLyMigVq91DGgITDK6MzO-EmP__1c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1397.64)):

Okay. So we've been asking about a playground and now, Travelers, they have came to start this playground, building this playground for the kids, not only for the kids but for the adults as well. Just seeing the happy smiles and the joy on the kid's heart. Thank you all so much, Travelers. You all are the best. Thank you.

Preston ([11:57:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Qse6qghiDpwpFUiLW3WIqHtIu7PWR2jlmr-3qnphH8yadKUfz6usn2bm2NFMc28cMjW4MqLnqy4lp8ZZjOwsV7vu57c?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1424.1)):

So this is very much a family unit in this larger [inaudible 11:57:42], and community is something that's really important to these children. I would love to just know, how do you hope that this new playground will help build community for you as foster parents and for the children that you're taking care of?

Patricia Matheny ([11:57:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/xi6nSJB1VEJv4TJHdxvYDFTlT_0IzNktb9DkasLe7W4zSt-k0IU2raHU-HpEoB_TX3VsnJIue-KhEg6xOpYINdQVRas?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1441.86)):

Okay. I think it's going to bring us closer together, that's for sure. Because like I said, it was nothing here but you all came, Travelers came to put a playground. So yeah, it's going to give us time to have family time with the whole village. And it takes a village to raise a kid. So just being together, I know that we all can't be at the playground at one time, but we can be close to it. I don't know to say.

Preston ([11:58:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/Y8x1J2F_whZde7oo_6OQYDuNoS1C3Khzoy02ewp2RDtXCnRsl-rQeDERxkziElz0vBfJ0lC8tDfrTim0ZgnNeycES2M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1473.72)):

You're doing good. So there's going to be a playground, there's going to be an area, like a picnic area.

Patricia Matheny ([11:58:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/AdUZQA4zwUoP6LsICxaO0DFCvzdpDKzU7hH_1_cWLRHolgg4qR8RciyR9zBePW7uiM0jS1MZQcWHSvRQj4NKxr3per8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1479.99)):

Yes. Yes.

Preston ([11:58:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PdJGcweEisZnOu9rarkLVuPyaztzMAkdm5O-v8MHv0_vIK867QhZQQYobbilnHVlzAjdStk8dxXEAYRMwAyh1kqEfcA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1480.8)):

So there's going to be lots of areas. You guys already have a beautiful green space down here that there'll be picnic benches and stuff. And so I'd love to just talk a little bit more about what you think that will look like in terms of the community being able to gather and have a place to have dinners and have a place for the kids to play. I'd love to hear a little bit more about that.

Patricia Matheny ([11:58:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/CYV1K7NgBHv_uiabi6BrWiQkWQTvUOmnS93GYBElUhCiGIkqqBJZrVOF-yyGDUvYgpAjyJWog12Um6wm2foFCmLWC6o?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1501.59)):

Okay. So that's going to be good. That's going to be excellent. I like to barbecue. They said they're going to have a grill back there and picnic. So it's open field as well that the kids can run and play. They can ride their bike, play soccer, and it just give us time to eat a little bite or two instead of just being down there for 20 minutes and then coming back in front of the house. "I have to use the bathroom" or something like that. So I think that just having the playground there now and the picnic table and everything, it's going to let the kids play a little longer. They're not going to want to come home. They're going to want to be out there all day long. So yes, I'm so excited. I'm so excited for this.

Preston ([11:59:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PfJrPbk8co7oGkRguWCYgF6td_5m8TNP8zC6LVrmE4fq9JyVwAHqn4W57LLZyOm8-6U9gjYyXbN7OChGrehFFKGZ0eY?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1546.35)):

You had mentioned at the beginning of the interview about how it's a busy house and there's lots of energy and excitement in this house. How important is it for kids to have a place where they can just get outside, and not only just play, but be creative and all of those things that being outside with each other kind of helps as far as a child is developing?

Patricia Matheny ([11:59:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/HoXYkQrYc_OeovD3gxgXbK0pJt3hCzQlB9otTsjWUnQdU5EUC7USiq3zfRJoxscqPBtWULfQvPgPWiof5XrznTjMTWQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1565.46)):

I think that's very important because-

Preston ([12:00:02](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/BkO2MqAmApcKdWZgkL2z-k9vONlwLLbGgUMDSH1x9A8ULzvFzO35wfjWmAs5yshqFPqOj9ov9R98eyaLeemySaBeDc0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1568.79)):

Give me one second. Got a little notification there. So I think you're good. So if you want to go ahead and start with I think it's important.

Patricia Matheny ([12:00:11](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/KmS3OW7xKJMvzXqUy0oNNYdd_5DbwZkeuM9d3EIOXjUs1GqusqtDKEtXxmfoyGzS7ziiOEM3W_a06gGinf8Vtyv9obE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1577.04)):

Okay. I think it's important because they see all the playgrounds on TV or when we going to the grocery store, they see these wonderful parks and the different swings and slides and they always want to stop. And even now when I take them, they cry when it's time for us to come home. Travelers, you all did a wonderful thing. It's the one right down from the home. We can stay longer and everything. They won't have to cry. So I'm going to make sure that they get their time in down there. So it's very important. Thank you all, again, Travelers for making the kids so happy.

Preston ([12:00:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/SjQ6Pp8NgdBQUkud-pkyVMM_5RhFAVjclJXB9C4PB25yadA4v34tbOofoJ20Nhtuow2ZvDFy2iALq8UyHnXXiouwvXI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1618.56)):

That's awesome. What does the word family mean to you?

Patricia Matheny ([12:00:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/GytPxqIh6Xu-zXynzsL3hK5c9pEoaqCPKZTKFieTV3km83sqKZonQXCe2n-2gjaWaZ09jFzUTPVjb9iRNUWlthRcpBU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1623.15)):

Family is time being together. Family is keeping everybody safe. Family is love. Family is dedication. Family is discipline. Family is determination. So with my family, I don't like to discipline, but sometime I do have to say no. But the majority of the time, I want to surprise them with a yes, for sure. And that's that dedication, giving them that dedication, knowing that when they wake up in the morning, they got somebody here giving them that hot bath at night. They'll tell you, "Mommy give us a hot bath every night and then we have our snacks and we go to bed." So I like that. They look forward to it as well.

Preston ([12:01:56](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/YBpy9KdyC27I6Ki7thK0FEfRdwyC2UQW_qrI_SsUngsFSEoVnn5_hWqoOQaVRVAkRn7hFMWemvpEiPK-6wd-SB19Unc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1682.31)):

Do you find a sense of family and community, we were talking about community, but do you feel like there's a real sense of community and family here in this village of One Family?

Patricia Matheny ([12:02:06](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/bXV7ayN0wbAOFslOzSpX3vrLnRAFM2LiAAbpmIX4DRk6TOjKmgDMNcSOqnkxuHVu9JA8D2bC8peXwlOST8W7Nu3IQzU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1692.06)):

I do. I do. I love it. I really wish I could have found it earlier. I've been here five years. But yeah, it's nice. It's clean, it's safe. I like this community. And the neighbors, everybody is friendly. The kids get along with everybody. I like it.

Preston ([12:02:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/eQA8BNqmfYsFrayNpf0h3u6R81HDg1IygNgsrSicY_1kdw2z00jgfV7moF2tblPMQvaZRI7pd-ozUeMc5o1O5UMHQ1M?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1715.55)):

How has foster care changed your life?

Patricia Matheny ([12:02:33](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ZDvYUtgnFE0Uwoy1fr4xKoo7ZFnZIq16Dg7jZ7IReC0pLXz0Hd6SQ9ZZXbsZME89QPnLYdGJgVPY-zLlSGsb_onHcBs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1719.09)):

It changed me so much because I am the type that I just would go, go, go, go, go, go. But becoming a foster parent, it slowed me down a lot and it just keeping me young looking. I wouldn't say that. But it's keeping me young looking because the kids, they have so much positive energy, they love to run and play and go. So I never dreamed of doing it, but I'm so happy that I did. I am so happy. And the things I went through in the past, I'm not going through those things anymore. I'm happy and my kids are happy. So I enjoy doing this. This is a job that I would tell anybody that, "Yeah, you should come aboard." Because sometimes people, they get the wrong concept of it. They think that it is something bad or no, I don't want to bothered with kids. But you know what, it's not that. It's just everyday living. You telling them and you teaching them how to be a kid and what's right and what's wrong and you keeping them safe.

Preston ([12:03:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/OfZKotyBsh6NBT0LI3pn0id6bZCUA7bdc3hJjuMECzkfmuNGhuzEO-BZZUFym8DAwr7I1Boox3xmjFm6xjqDWRRwYt4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1796.46)):

I think I know the answer to this, but I want to hear you give the answer. We talked about the advice that you heard about if you're going through something difficult and find somebody to love, that's what you did.

Patricia Matheny ([12:03:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/6_0TKmWRmF-nQU-qkYo6hdPzmvcipclbttoIBEYqWQTuRD2yGfd-XuC10GaSR85OanssxkdfLzmUBXQMZMO1zoJ83kg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1804.92)):

Mm-hmm.

Preston ([12:03:59](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/b42-EZKuzWFDQrUm4pf57BNIiLLLUMwaRBhq0CbOvE6iABeh_AHu9QDzBNwBOsd1mJn_ltTVJ7O93cBARkrpqPfdbZ0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1805.73)):

It sounds like that was good advice. Can you just tell me a little bit about looking back at that time of your life, how has being a foster parent really ring true in terms of giving you something back that you also needed?

Patricia Matheny ([12:04:14](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/4gEFLCQIU-L7xRttpayr72V1OVH2fsHBnxE7POVUEKSEMCRqqkA8QHKtDoI0T56xrJ--_kNDvhyspEABuxEF2P4bZE0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1820.52)):

Looking back, it was very tough. It was. But like I said, choosing this job, learning about this company, learning that I can help and give hope to somebody, a human being, kids that need it, I love it. I wouldn't change it. If I had to choose what to do now, I would stay right here and I would continue fostering and helping a child get to the next level that he or she needs to be at because that's all they need is the love and somebody to care and show them the way and they'll be okay. It'll be okay.

Preston ([12:05:10](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/IJWKRcoliDNQih3J4ww7uf5C7sQlungxeul609caH197tGMHED7QzT2P7BfgrFLIpR01sLQ-JkJaLYB7kaoXYIRCUqE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1876.35)):

That's great. Peggy, anything?

Patricia Matheny ([12:05:13](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/z6SAMxGqoTsSRJOjDQTJp4IjK0mNF7x0-pLsJ9N_HxRN21GLV0Mn-97S1-gMI-O2o2ZpCwNZrEEOq2X-e46OjAX5slw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1879.47)):

Y'all got to do it over because I'm so nervous.

Dustin ([12:05:17](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/e2fC1s-A-D9lGMmkL5BO6vBjKdlPner9IN_t2vVXMyH-6O-Mp6dkfC40u6EHcXMSFuQOLBk894DZyHsF0U6KT37UiQs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1883.07)):

You're doing so good.

Preston ([12:05:18](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/bMZyquaVdahn9Rx8R3StazpBhTM6SUIdr5fRfPGFrGN0c_NA83atq8IKVRyppg8SXe30CHKvRatTHDxr8utZv4k5WEk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1884.12)):

I'm telling you, you are doing a wonderful job.

Patricia Matheny ([12:05:21](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/a3NyqsuSVRRCPRD3vn9ecIfe_VA0z_z4lL-8V3N3ILpdq3Sf_SEuG8KvfNBrQ18HgFvA0jTMUUbMs_SAxfHqRFEJTM0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1887.15)):

Okay.

Dustin ([12:05:23](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ThAt7lz-bs8-L3GeRt-mflrT8g-I-6oPFBAvfqgFhr_zB7Ssc_ZpxavjIW5kIG-bSe7Su1end6QC5pGgbvMgLpr36-A?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1889.22)):

And it also helps to remember, you're a little part of this video, right? We're not going to use all of the pieces.

Patricia Matheny ([12:05:27](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/onELQPJ-sDJmdUuDDZnA3IULFl9DdZOzrGXmj-VD4yQQtqGIQMZ0JKCLG7mMRHeu0Tb5e3uuE8tuXP4RbRBoC2A5DJA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1893.33)):

Okay.

Preston ([12:05:29](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/aT9lEdz8uMfXD_jjKw6j9hHy7pnL9Yp7iKw9f52UR6b-uuWMpUdzCi01DTd2I6TnhV9Bol4rRtUT34Du9wf2mZOnm2o?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1895.43)):

We're going to take all the best little bits.

Patricia Matheny ([12:05:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/RdDu1HKzqi6G7frpYNtGFldwPq08jMGC-5e5MtwrkxtQbdPvUSCX3JQmmT0vyKBax9Ujs9CUBQUXipmt3dIj37cQ6HQ?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1901.52)):

Okay. Okay.

Preston ([12:05:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/rNJsuqaFw0EQ8PFnRSdORaYW7KWBvdB8FT_q3sxpaedEoH9cLv6AhNDManrEn3X66Qn15zk5rnLNlNRrF3RnRBppdpE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1901.55)):

You're doing great. So let's talk about the word purpose. Do you see foster care as your purpose? Do you find purpose in what you do?

Patricia Matheny ([12:05:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/0yAsEP-iHpW63hnQV3uL2e2HDXfLMR2EQMk0RE0VJoddNJsMkUfJG8XAWbwwOb1EssproJ1snWX7aEQLhacre_GCD3I?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1909.62)):

Yes, I do. We all have a purpose in life. So I done tried a lot of different things. I worked at big city, well, could I say city jobs? I done had my own business. I done raised two of my own kids. And sometime you have to switch it up. In life, you can say that I'm going to do this, I'm going to do that, but you don't know. You can say it, but God just came and say, "No, you're not going to be doing that. I got something else for you to do." And this is my purpose. I didn't even know I was as good being my son said, "You was mean, Mommy." But now he be like, "How did you do it? How do you do it, Mommy?" He has kids of his own. He said, "You make it seem like it's so easy."

([12:06:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/HAHcHqTZYVUbrCV7J2nsFj7SiOOBGP3iSlWZUy4eY0Oo8rVhJRmDQYb3yoMp3RknvwHaUhhVUK5TTUVbl6yR876CPIs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=1969.77)):

I said, "Son, it's not easy." I said, "But you can do it." I said, "You just got to constantly just keep telling them, 'Okay, you got to do this'. You got to do it over and over and over and eventually you'll get it." I said, "You got it, right?" And he said, "Yeah, I guess you're right." I said, "Your kid's gonna get it too." So my purpose is to continue to be the best that I can be and help two or three or four kids along the way to let them know that they can be the best they can be in life. They're not going to always be little. So I feel like that's my purpose, being a good steward of myself and whoever around me.

Preston ([12:07:30](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/WqpGuiMXErvw7LoSgyHEceR3twn8nRi4eYELMN1pzT4naub__EsiIHjbGmrquFEEXPu355l263z083LidQXp5RrkVOA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2016.57)):

That was wonderful.

Peggy ([12:07:34](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/3NlOKH1VkTEl_20j_AdMhXF08ZbSliIPZgxjPUVLmx9vOo8jKH8OIyNp666CW2PZRWMZtbcOZI2JK163nub2AjAkqE8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2020.26)):

How about mom advice? The best advice [inaudible 12:07:35]

Patricia Matheny ([12:07:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/KZnh-k7KjDXULEbhphLFKylH-zILMC2_Ez4M7tbwX72vAOlOcO_OKOLLuJoudwtLVUaB-s7WCIW6ivHLwyDIFdAszHE?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2021.52)):

Hmm?

Peggy ([12:07:35](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/UeEccVQ8epGJXuxLeFLh-osCZMTrbSRQtWx8FvzHLN_hmGqLJBloJDShkKHOy1BrW0QYhhlQBzczsd6F04xUmi8zjpM?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2021.52)):

[inaudible 12:07:37].

Patricia Matheny ([12:07:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/xFBK4pbiageJPWU-Z145Pgwm2wr24Co40t7bkuS3K5v8z6bzg-kTvdbPYQ5o4-E1i3DCo9YNegj0IwxEwkx2c7TjMxI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2024.67)):

Terry, you got your phone down, baby?

Terry ([12:07:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/6zXX6fcJ0b995hjA9r02ADY7hfDpdTPGiG_qioPK6VECuLoQHWP6Nvwe3WPomMZKJFZc3_Cg4Hd4fwKx098I79mR4EA?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2029.41)):

Mm-hmm.

Preston ([12:07:43](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/J6mqPRedVD-lbdHBW0-wPgDCjUoZzBardHStb79h8D07r-txeQsf-eBHa8MDqIY0ltf4Z92mu5uXRNGvU2AYzR45HAs?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2029.5)):

Just a little bit longer, Terry. If you could just have it down a little bit. Just a little. We're almost done. Really appreciate it.

Dustin ([12:07:47](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/j5TZLoGZaaBGnk4U7INQGzU7Wv1AweGfnHoH3vRM8I8BmUYrcrrVGXxfD25AEXMHy4U0u1MxxEXjhwMZh1pszC8r_Wk?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2033.4)):

[inaudible 12:07:47] throughout that last little bit.

Speaker 5 ([12:07:50](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ZK59SMJqfUclCo_5MQ0EvhMu8ia-DIr0XtsFVeoWe2sWDgSJlMm1WVbFLYDkRruyzrQyvAlkkxU3lXUEXbSNvxryQV0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2036.04)):

It was mostly masked by her voice.

Dustin ([12:07:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/zCCpSwJcLua5l-pkUVhgwdz6D3M8mK688MUCm8Mu4bNQ1WAD6FnkarDVG2FutvrWh8U2axzQlanbydgAWeyrbMDVep8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2038.26)):

Yeah.

Speaker 5 ([12:07:52](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/YkVD0lDCoyAVl9_iSGA-dpgtCmXhCm8BGh0H5HeSS8sE9rcb6iXfhBMOZi1l2-HEywA92e6jaUKAdK6Vu_5_rsgWYjo?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2038.26)):

[inaudible 12:07:53].

Preston ([12:07:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/VM9KUEG4WmCsXbyl5j8zeEaMGipP7ZcRyGLy2cxf9n2eWmjQL9VWgsskuQXSIT3e3f-fmxArs4l0z6SAFigZ3Gc3Ilg?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2039.28)):

It's getting close.

Dustin ([12:07:53](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/TVoJDexYXWuLUldhRV8xfpM7p8FGCfLAX-W9ctYTt0XK8RxpoCwtg9UcNsGJsVL-twH_nmdVQVpijXgtWPHJkzuKRm8?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2039.37)):

Yeah.

Preston ([12:07:55](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/476pIgLTIrWwjmQl68E-dcgweqd1Xn71gJVP_qZe570S16JKZTJRBALM2zwdWQEIk4JoivHcib7HPmFqt3fFqDXNx24?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2041.77)):

Okay. And the airplane that during that last line was okay?

Dustin ([12:07:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/zjrYFHkUrdczczLx1uw1mW2uIJ595UKcbz66KN6WziiE7u0Ke3vzhxYlpZF7DEIjcHQyf6Xo2XipDBrNKN4iENgc7oU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2043.39)):

Yeah.

Preston ([12:07:57](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/hAolYUA0IspkREX4i54F1fRI42k4L5Wv5aMVwckUrHE3CmfZ713lADXA__B1eCJXivXc8sicstLsRjLFMZTKgGM-WZI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2043.66)):

Okay. Thanks. Mom advice?

Peggy ([12:08:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/PuBnEWqSTy150NNQPy82ruvXz3_7s5XTeMsN46X_BPXUCRvE1D6yIVcpI-roxxRIszNzi03rVIbleEQFyz6gAs8ZZXI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2051.91)):

Yeah. Best advice your mom gave you.

Preston ([12:08:09](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/rWkoOL33V6PWW4_4zvba_iPjG9xxZ_ixP3cBs2N4YvvZv_O5KAIWulqu2PgKUTDW8yaUtBI5gQ4yfRGjGb4jBHNRniI?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2055.54)):

So you talked a little bit about moving to the Chicago area with your mom and how she helped form who you are as a mother. What's the best advice your mom gave you and how do you feel that you're able to live that out now for these children?

Patricia Matheny ([12:08:25](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/m1iYFxWHhvj2wfqX9d6ki27DSLBlkdqno8PxrMEtTs6fvoKIKiwcGHxA9it_KW4Tk1UIbS2R1W2dl3g31ob7O2dhXsc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2071.95)):

Okay. One of the advices she always told me, she just said, "Stop beating up on yourself. Be your very best. You your biggest cheerleader", she would tell me. And she said, "If you don't have nothing nice to say about nobody, don't you say anything at all." So I took that and I tell them, too, the kids that's in care now. I just let them know that you don't have to beat yourself up. It's okay. We're going to do better the next day. If you having a bad day this day, it's going to be a better day tomorrow. And you got to just confess to yourself that it's going to be okay. I have mommy, I have daddy, I have my sisters and brothers. I have my health and strength. So that's my motto, I tell them. You can do everything on your own. You don't need nobody to help you go to the washroom and put your... Yeah.

Preston ([12:09:22](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/JayyBPQjVdbEI4a5aXI3YZi15jzj2vq0H5E2yQwzOTx7Cb8kjfoK_D7ECB-cv666ycb15ZKI59wrZJ-KUC3T-39v7RU?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2128.53)):

[inaudible 12:09:21] You were like going into, that's my motto.

Patricia Matheny ([12:09:26](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/GnBidZ1PK5a9D8CFK8jH9vT3jTgf3eerLt4L1f7Huh7NBugS4I0SM0gIyZVxwPw9w0YoGSbdbMWZ3f5qHRm-3YMuaa0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2132.46)):

Oh yeah, you just don't know. My heart is pounding.

Preston ([12:09:31](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/qOc-OYZ4mkNHhdIpr9mI9_legGiayJB2nAPzVl-OmSPO6COHyl3c7h_58h4ndQ2RQImxxg-JkzSFQ5vsBh05lz4Vizc?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2137.29)):

You are doing great. I really want to convince you of that because it's true.

Patricia Matheny ([12:09:38](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/fX9f--dLjpnzhm7Chb77rIn1GQJN_7Pl62jPZ0LG8OZeGTcU5cojDOMNhEndr7Lau0v5slym2Zk70FC-VwmYEtlteak?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2144.82)):

Okay.

Preston ([12:09:39](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/SABurjvrAHRK_xQs6EwTNQFc2NFj7FCAselkXwrMT8t1SExyJ9_Sj5i1FD6KvWZrqlD1s8hLQjJljGQY6EAvWCBq6s0?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2145.15)):

So it's interesting, you were just telling us about your son who can now look back and appreciate the kind of mother you were and that you're thinking about how your mom was. And so that was advice she gave you. But what about just the feeling of love and support that you always felt from your mom? Is that something that you feel like has enabled you or empowered you to kind of give that onto these children?

Patricia Matheny ([12:10:05](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/jkiyXouK8gENvxkpcBYehEbJj4qhimEAVjWoOS1_tf93m6dq7ZJKZyN39XDh_oO_azqS4cJDe0biKHkN75Abra7HT-g?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2171.19)):

I feel like the love and support that she always given us was, she always made sure that we had our own food. I liked that about her. She made sure that we had new clothes for the holiday. She always cooked and I liked that, and I do that for them. I always make sure they have a hot meal, that we don't have to gauge over nobody else stuff. So I liked that about her and like I said, she was always there for me. Even though I had other siblings, she was always there. If you needed something to talk about or if you had something going on, she just came in and said, "Well, this is how it's going to be today. A, B, and C. You can cry or say, okay, I don't want it that away."

([12:10:58](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/7FyFMhoHw9lke_HPi9DXDtH-PJtgW3-CETCzkJTW9RFH_oaCzXIlgoKORE9CAMd1l6CkLEWmxXsh7RvJmXriq_uxoV4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2224.65)):

Back then, I guess the parents wouldn't give us our opinion. They didn't want to hear it. But now, it's a different generation. So I sit down sometime and have to listen to them. "Okay, well, we're going to do it your way today since you feel like that." And if they fail, then I'll say, "Okay, we're going to try my way now." And then they be like, "Okay." They understand a little more. So if you just constantly just say, "No, it is going to be my way, this is the way we're going to do it," then kids they kind of pull away from, they withdraw from you because they feel like, oh, you're not listening to me. And sometimes they are right. So you got to let them have their opinion too and try it their way sometimes.

Preston ([12:11:40](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/HP6M8on1IWHAqmS2mwRF0LuFkIhiml4NFEwuH3CsEENgyFKlv_d_ZSuknMbgqZL6wyCOee94H-TSplhQr3sO7BXmC54?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2266.53)):

I loved your answer. If I could just have you give me the line, my mom was always there for me, because before you said she, just so we have the context of who we're talking about. If you could just tell me that and say, my mom.

Patricia Matheny ([12:11:51](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/t_3TbQ3l_WV9ylqN75oF6SR53QyHmndTjXXyzRfOJH8W7ovR3JWOHJZYeMB8bl86-NBQF7U8ZRGe5RgFbNTOfGgTMvw?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2277.18)):

Okay. My mom, she was always there for me. So I like that. And I'm here for these kids, so I try to be always here for my kids as well. Is that better?

Preston ([12:12:03](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/ZEs0FUqN0X9DEr1sLbuc5UQ6XICtr_mGV_0bRWb75DWAEEKv03rQAZfri6jsFp5Bfz-f3Tp_YsC326C0wnyvU5Ei9V4?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2289.57)):

That was it. That was perfect. Great. Is there anything about foster care or One Family or the playground that's going to be built tomorrow, is there anything that we didn't touch on that you feel like is important?

Patricia Matheny ([12:12:15](https://www.rev.com/transcript-editor/shared/eOW1y_XArgJPyg3gWau11lQuTCjVc2cVygqgGsISqSJdwt8FH-8xhYM5nUm9Slg1accoqbjeC7g-0VGM0r0WKnHN2ps?loadFrom=DocumentDeeplink&ts=2301.36)):

I feel like that I'm so happy that people like Travelers and everybody come through for these kids because, so what they in foster care, we still want to treat them like they kids. So I always say that. They always say you all... Well, I don't want to say that part. I just try to make them feel like, you're not in foster care. You in a loving home and I'm your mommy right now and we going to keep going until you go back to your other mommy. So you have two mommies. You a special kid, you have a bonus mommy, and you have your other mommy. So that's what I do. That's my motto. I just make them feel just like that. And we keep going.