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**IN THIS GENERATION,
WE HAVE KHALID FOR ADVICE.
BUT WHO DID OUR MOTHERS HAVE? WE
ASKED OUR MAMAS: "WHAT WAS THE BEST
ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?"**



A WORD FROM OUR EDITOR...

THE PERSEVERING BETTY SHABAZZ

BY SAPHYR BROWN



Betty Dean Sanders was born on May 28, 1934. She grew up in Detroit, Michigan, where her foster parents kept her away from racism. She went to the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, where she had her first encounters with racism. Due to that, Shabazz didn't like it very much in Alabama, so she moved to New York City and became a nurse. There, she met el-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz, also known as Malcolm X. They married in 1958 and had six daughters - Attallah, Qubilah, Ilyasah, Gamilah, Malikah, and Malaak. Betty witnessed her husband's death in 1965, only seven years after they married.

Looking back, Shabazz said she initially made a decision to isolate herself because of her husband's death. She soon realized that giving up because of her husband's death would not help the world or her. When she was left with the responsibility of raising six daughters alone, Betty decided to pursue higher education. She went to work at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York. It was very hard for Shabazz to take care of all her children, especially having to provide for them.

Shabazz began to sell Malcolm X's speeches as another source of income. When her daughters were enrolled in daycare, Betty became an active member of the daycare center's parents organization. There she became very fond of the organization and where she would later start a campaign to run the organization. She became the parents' representative on the school board. Several years later, she became president of the Westchester Day Care Council. In 1995 when her daughter Qubilah was arrested for allegedly conspiring to murder Louis Farrakhan, Shabazz took in her ten year old grandson, Malcolm. In 1997, he set her apartment on fire. Shabazz suffered severe burns and died three weeks later due to her injuries.

ASK YO MAMA!

We get great advice from Khalid all of the time! But this month, we asked our Mamas!

**"LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT."
-MAMA THAMAR (JULIUS)**

**"YOU CAN MANIFEST YOUR FUTURE" SHE GOT THAT FROM A BOOK CALLED 'THE SECRET.'
-MAMA AYMANIE (ANIYAH)**

**"TRUST YOUR INTUITION."
-MAMA LEE ANNE (BROOKLYN-AMAYA)**

**"JUST BE TRUE TO YOURSELF."
-MAMA TAMARA (ELIJAH)**

**"ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOUR FAMILY."
-MAMA RIYADH (KOBI)**

**"PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD AND NEVER GIVE UP. THEN, YOU WILL BECOME BETTER."
-MAMA SHERRIE (MAURICE)**



**"YOUR ATTITUDE DETERMINES YOUR ALTITUDE."
-MAMA SHERRY (KHALID)**

**"BE CAREFUL WHAT TREE YOU CLIMB." MY MOM SAID IT MAKES SENSE AS YOU GET OLDER.
-MAMA KENYA (AIYA)**

**"THE BEST ADVICE I GOT FROM MY MOM IS TO BE KIND AND DON'T CAUSE DESTRUCTION."
-MAMA KIYA (SAMIR)**

**"DON'T LET ANYBODY LEAD YOU AWAY FROM BEING THE BEST YOU."
-MAMA KETURAH (SAPHYR)**

**"BE OPEN TO TRYING NEW THINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES. EVEN IF YOU FAIL, YOU WILL LEARN FROM THE EXPERIENCE AND BE MORE PREPARED FOR THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY!"
-MAMA CORNELIA (STARR)**

HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY ANIYAH PARKER!

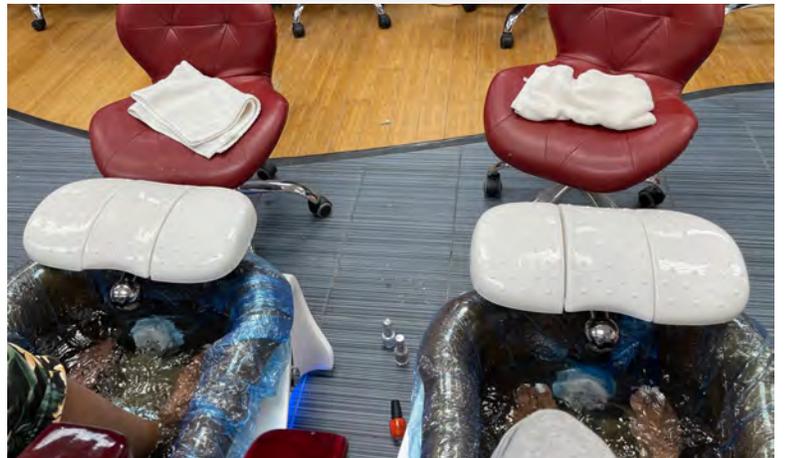
On Friday, for my birthday celebration, I went on a shopping spree with my aunt and our budget was \$500!!! I brought some of my clothes to the hotel my mom got us.



But it was really late when we got there so my mother only had a little time to curl my hair for Saturday.



That was the day we got mani-pedis, Olive Garden, Sweet Frog, and my mom got me a gift from a brand called Smithsonian!



On Sunday, we went to my aunt's house to celebrate Mother's Day with my cousins and aunts. Then my mom surprised me and brought out cupcakes! Everyone sang happy birthday for me! It was so fun!!! :D

HAPPY 12TH BIRTHDAY AIYA!

HERE ARE SOME THINGS
THAT HAPPENED...

My friend got me an
LOL doll!

My mom's friend made me a cake!
It was a chocolate cake with
rainbow sprinkles!!!

I had a Zoom
meeting with some
of my friends!

My dad got me a
swimming pool!

At the end of the day,
my mom took me and my
siblings shopping.
After that, we got some ice
cream!

My birthday was
FUN!!!

SALUTE TO OUR MOTHERS



WE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT OUR MOMS... SO WE ASKED...

BY STARR LYNN ALLEN

Eleven moms participated in this survey.

- **WHAT DO YOU DO?**

nurse, farmer, pediatrician, teacher, loctitian, homemaker, student, social worker, personal trainer, higher education administrator

- **DO YOU ENJOY IT?**

11/11 YES

- **HOW DID YOU ADJUST TO COVID-19?**

spent time with family, provided virtual services, QUIT!, worked to stay healthy, LEVELED UP!, went back to school

- **IS THIS YOUR DREAM JOB?**

5/11 YES 5/11 NO

- **WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB?**

fashion designer/singer, build homes for community, doctor,

- **WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?**

red (3), black (2), green (2)
blue, yellow, turquoise, pink

- **WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?**

Italian (2), Thai, NYC pizza, soup, roti & curry, spaghetti, cornbread & collard greens, homemade blueberry pancakes, salmon, rice

- **WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN?**

dancing & singing (2), spending time with family, reading & watching PBS, hiking, travel, visiting wineries, going out, sunbathing, people watching

COMICS

Mother's Day Party

Kobi Obeng, Gary Johnson, & Khalid Muhammad

