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Elizabeth Jenkins EAST COBBER Mother of the Year



▲ Mother of the Year Elizabeth Jenkins is pictured above with her son, Reid Jenkins, 12; daughter, Caroline Jenkins, 15; Bella (the dog), and her husband, Joel.

Here is the winning essay written by Emily Yellingwood, a longtime friend of Elizabeth Jenkins.

One of the most beautiful mothers in East Cobb is a close friend and it is an honor to nominate Elizabeth Jenkins for Mother of the Year. Although her outer beauty is what you notice first, it

is her inner beauty that makes me want to drop everything and write to the EAST COBBER as to why she should be East Cobb's Mother of the Year!

Last year Elizabeth's husband, Joel, left for Iraq. Joel's return to the military was not an easy decision for them to make. It would mean many sacrifices and demands on each member of the family which would not be easy. Joel will be gone for over 400 days. Running the family business, maintaining the home and parenting her two children, Caroline and Reed, without the day to day support of Joel, challenges Elizabeth daily. While sacrificing the day to day affection and support of her sweet husband, she is forced to take on responsibilities she normally would not have to.

Many of us face challenging circumstances which either destroy us or make us stronger. Elizabeth's strength of character has shined when faced with adversity and she continually sets an example for her children of what we aspire to as moms. She is strong and independent but not too proud to ask for help when she needs it. Elizabeth is not a whiner and complainer. She is real and does not hide her pain, but she is not prone to ongoing pity parties and constant whining. Elizabeth possesses a grateful heart and sees in each day something for which to thank God. Even in her tears, she laughs! Elizabeth continually perseveres even when the marathon of life seems to zap all her energy. Lastly, Elizabeth is a giver. She continues to reach out and bless her family and friends through her many talents even when no one expects it during this challenging time.

By choosing Elizabeth Jenkins as Mother of the Year, the EAST COBBER would be honoring one of East Cobb's greatest mothers. ✕

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EAST COBBER's Mother of the Year 2010 is invited to participate in this year's EAST COBBER Parade.

Elizabeth Jenkins also receives the following gifts donated by local businesses:

Ali's Cookies/www.shipacookie.com – 1 Cookie Cake

Aspire Women's Fitness – 1-Year Membership (\$693 value)

At Wisteria Salon – Complimentary makeover with make-up by Cynthia Stein (\$25 value) and shampoo, scalp massage and blow dry by Ashley Burre (\$38 value).

The Avenue East Cobb – Gift Basket (containing gift cards from Francesca's Collections, Panera Bread and Borders; Lucy Water Bottle; Talbot's Tote; Avenue Cosmetic Bag; Aveda Hand Relief Lotion and Foot Relief Lotion from Van Michael Salon; Kavu Purse from High Country Outfitters; Anthelios Sunscreen Cream from Atlanta Medical Day Spa Moose Munch from Harry and David; Mint Wash, Jump Start Candle, Jack Nobber Massager and Under the Canopy Organic Massage Mitt from Origins)

Bellissimo – Fresh Water Pearl Earrings in 14K gold setting

Chocolate Wishes & Candy Kisses - \$25 Gift Certificate

CitruSolution - \$50 Gift Certificate

Clean Complete - \$50 Gift Certificate for House Cleaning

Cookies by Design - \$50 Gift Certificate

Corey Chiropractic – Free ½ Hour Massage

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