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## **Give Mom What She Wants**

Survey says 94 percent of moms prefer handwritten cards, letters delivered by mail for Mother's Day



WASHINGTON — In a world consumed by text messaging, email and to-the-point telephone calls, receiving a card or letter in the mail is a heartfelt tradition that never goes out of style. A recent survey conducted by the U.S. Postal Service revealed that 94 percent of moms find a handwritten card delivered by mail more meaningful than emails or small gifts for Mother's Day.

"Mothers deserve the perfect handwritten card or letter — especially on Mother's Day and as the survey confirms, moms everywhere value personalized mail to mark this very special day," said Susan McGowan, Executive Director, Stamp Services and Corporate Licensing. "I encourage all of us to give the special mother or grandmother in our lives a tangible treasure that can be cherished for years to come: a handwritten card or letter."

McGowan urges consumers to finish their letter with the loving touch of the <u>Sealed with Love</u> stamp. Now in its 40th year of the series, the current Love stamp is designed by graphic artist Louise Fili of New York City and art director Derry Noyes of Washington, DC. It features a modern take on romance of a bygone era with wax-sealed love letters. Depicting an envelope fastened with an elegant wax seal, the Sealed with Love Forever Stamp encourages Americans to scribe their own love letters — a romantic gesture that never goes out of style.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12, 2013. <u>Click here</u> to find Mother's Day collectibles and products. Greetings cards are available at select Post Office locations.

To view and purchase the limited-edition Forever Love stamps, visit <u>usps.com/stamps</u>. Many stamps are also available at 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724) and Post Offices nationwide. To learn more about limited edition stamps, visit <u>facebook.com/USPSStamps</u> or follow us on Twitter <u>@USPSstamps</u>.

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