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*Special Edition of “Before You Miss It” News for Mother’s Day*

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The University of Richmond media relations team typically sends an email Friday afternoon recapping experts who can speak to hot news topics from the week. This week, we are reaching out a bit earlier to provide some UR news “before you miss it,” and we hope it will help as you plan your Mother’s Day coverage this weekend.

University of Richmond faculty have authored two pieces for *The Conversation* that coincide perfectly with the Mother’s Day holiday. All *The Conversation* articles are available to republish for free under the Creative Commons, or you are welcome to pull quotes from these pieces for your stories.

**The Gift of Oxygen**
This Mother’s Day, thank your mom for oxygen. That’s right, moms start providing for their kids even before they’re born. University of Richmond chemistry professor Julie Pollock explains how this works in the new article out this week: [How does a baby ‘breathe’ while inside its mom?](https://theconversation.com/how-does-a-baby-breathe-while-inside-its-mom-139146)

**Moms as heroes**
Did you know about 25% of Americans cite their mother as their number one hero? University of Richmond psychology professor Scott Allison, a leading expert on heroes, explores why that’s the case in his article: [Psychology behind why your mom may be the mother of all heroes.](https://theconversation.com/psychology-behind-why-your-mom-may-be-the-mother-of-all-heroes-139162)

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