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# ***The Greatest Treasure ~ By Nicole Galindo***

The dictionary's definition of "family" is "a group consisting of parents and children living together in a household" ("Family"). Now even though this is true, family is much more than parents and children living together. It is a relationship between people who love and care for one another no matter the circumstances. Family is supportive, caring, and most of all loving. Family is truly one of the greatest treasures a person can have.

"When everything goes to hell, the people who stand by you without flinching—they are your family" said, Jim Butcher. A New York Times bestselling author best known for his contemporary fantasy book series "The Dresden Files." We may encounter many obstacles in life and not know what to do or how to handle the situation. For instance, when I decided to move to Oklahoma, my parents were there to support and give me guidance. As for me, before my son's big game, I'm always there in the stands, supporting him to his next touch down. Our family will be there by our side to support and guide us through the difficult obstacles and also to share the greatest moments of life.

Not only is family supportive, they are caring. They care for us when we are sick in bed with a cold by making homemade chicken soup, or when we come home from football practice with a sprained ankle. They are there to take care of us until we recover. Just as they care for us, we need to care for them as well. Family is a great blessing.

On the other hand as much as your family is caring, the most treasured part is the unconditional

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love between each other. That special bond between one another will help us get through the biggest challenges in life. We will never forget how our family comforted us after a terrible tragedy-how you felt like everything was falling apart, but the love among one another helped us get through it and made everything a little easier. "No matter what you've done for yourself or for humanity, if you can't look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished," stated Elbert Hubbard, an American writer, publisher, artist, and philosopher from the early 1900's.

After all, family is the foundation of all support, care, and love. A great quote from the 26th Governor of Oklahoma Brad Henry once said, "Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights and our comfort when we occasionally falter." Always treasure your family, for they are our foundation and greatest gift we can have.

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