

A special announcement ahead of Mother's Day



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Hi there,

I want to tell you a little bit about my mom, Marian Robinson.



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Growing up with my mother was always an adventure.

It entailed trips to the library as a toddler to learn the alphabet; the entire family piling into our car to go to the local drive-in—homemade chicken in hand. It included Mom inviting family over for New Year's Eve, raising a toast as the clock struck midnight.

But above all else, my mother gave me nonstop, unconditional love in so many ways. She fostered in me a deep sense of confidence in who I was and who I could be by teaching me how to think for myself, how to use my own voice, and how to understand my own worth.

I simply wouldn't be who I am today without her.

That's why this Mother's Day, I'm proud to announce that the exhibit "Opening the White House" in the Obama Presidential Center Museum will be named in honor of my mom, Marian Robinson.



In this exhibit, visitors will discover the many ways Barack and I—and also my mother—worked to make the White House an active place of inclusion, innovation, and culture.

It'll be infused with so many of the values she instilled in me:

community, family, bringing people in—making them feel at home.

The exhibit will feature scale replicas of the East Room, where we held big dinners; the Blue Room, where we decorated a huge Christmas tree for the holidays; and the South Lawn, where we hosted Garden Tours, Easter Egg Rolls, state arrivals, and more.

Take a look at the exhibit.

When the Center opens, we want it to be a place parents and children can reflect and grow, connect and create, and discover the many ways we can all make change in the world.

—Michelle

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