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TV 'SHOW GIRL'

WENDY WILLIAMS

What Will Surprise
You About Saucy
Talk Show Host



"My best friends are me, my husband, my sister, Wanda—thank God I have her. The relationship with my parents has now transitioned into friends, so they are my friend and my counsel." —WENDY WILLIAMS says of her dad and mom, Tom and Shirley (below)



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"When Wendy was young, I never thought she was anything like me, but as the years have progressed, Wendy has taken on many of my ways and we can certainly identify with one another in many ways — our punctuality, our patience, our ability to relate to others in a positive way and also the ability to be the wonderfully caring mothers," says Shirley, who recently co-hosted her daughter's TV show. Wendy Williams says sharing the show, which airs May 7, is her favorite Mother's Day gift to her mom.

And what is the Jersey Girl's own favorite Mother's Day gift? She says "everything" when you feel like every day is Mother's Day.

"I dreamt of having a kid and we've gone through so much heartache to have him that I just treasure every little thing," she gushes.

"When he brings me critters and creatures, he will catch a bug and put leaves in a jar and put a bow on it and say, 'Here, Mommy.' I treasure the things that he actually and genuinely does for me himself, without the assistance of big Kevin. You know, parents always do that with their kids. 'Let's get Mommy some earrings for Mother's Day.' That's not exactly the same as 'Let's make Mommy some earrings,'" she says, laughing. //

question, "How you doin'?" Williams enjoys discussing real-life issues.

She says she doesn't mind telling women that life doesn't always have to be perfect. "One of the things about being a mother is that sometimes we tend to make everything look perfect from the outside and we don't really explain the struggles that we have on the inside. I do the best that I can and, believe me, it's not perfect."

Williams' mom, Shirley, sees a lot of herself in Wendy and is proud that her daughter is a "devoted parent."