

A large, stylized orange chevron graphic pointing to the right, serving as a background for the text.

High performance. Delivered.

Julie Sweet

Video Transcript

My dearest daughters,

You bring pure joy to my life. I feel pure happiness no matter how my day went or how tired I am. As you know, last year was tough for us. When I had breast cancer, I thought a lot about my life and the many people who helped me along the way. I was also happy to discover that I am living with few regrets. After I got better, I recommitted to never forget why. I want to share with you some of the lessons I've learned. These are also my dreams for you, my beautiful daughters.

Serve others. Grandma used to say when I was little that we should always give back and that we do not have money, but we do have time. I've always tried to live my parents' example of service. Your dad and I wanted to serve others with you so that you could learn about service. This is how we found the National Center for Children and Families Homeless Shelter. I hope that you will grow up and take everything you learn at that shelter. That there is beauty in all families, promise in all children, and we each have the power to make a difference.

Be generous. I will never forget when Grandma and Papa Joe gave away their life savings. They answered a call for help from a young man they knew. They had \$500 in the bank but worried about the risk it could put on our family. But they decided he needed the help and gave him every dollar. Because of them, I find more happiness and peace when I give to others. When in doubt, no matter how hard, stretch to give more you will never regret it. It's not just about money either; at work, at home, with friends, be generous with praise, credit, and time.

No one succeeds alone. Grandma and Papa Joe always told me I could be anything I wanted to be. Their belief in me helped me have the confidence, even now, to take on new challenges, like switching careers from law to become the CEO of Accenture's North American Business.

Work hard at what you love. To succeed, you have to work hard so pick something you love. I am striving to make sure people can succeed at home and in life and to help mentor others as I have been helped, particularly young women. And I want you to know in your heart you can do anything, you can succeed on any stage and in any role. And I am committed to making sure that you and all girls have the same opportunities as boys.

Be fearless, live an adventure. You both are amazing. You bring so much to the world, never hold yourself back. I ran for class president in high school even though I was a complete nerd. I never had a chance, and I lost. When I was sick, you gave me hope. Thank you. I am proud of you. When you grow, up always remember serve others, be generous, work hard at what you love, always do the right thing. I love you both so much.

Love, Mommy.