A Promise for Parents

By signing this pledge, I’m taking my turn to make a difference in the life of a child. Some of the things I will do in my community:

♥ Really listen to a child. I understand that children need undivided attention when they talk. I will be patient and remember that they move at a different pace in their little worlds.
♥ Make special time for a child that I care about.
♥ Bake cookies or prepare a meal for a new mother in my neighborhood.
♥ Provide amusement for restless children in a waiting room.
♥ Smile and acknowledge that “it’s tough work” when I see a parent coping with a stressful situation in public.
♥ Remind the caregivers that I know what a great job they are doing.
♥ Listen to parents when they tell me about their challenges.
♥ Advocate for programs that provide parents with education and support—starting when their child is born!
♥ Support flex-time and comp-time arrangements in the workplace so that families can deal with day-to-day situations and emergencies.

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I pledge this in honor of: ________________________________

My signature: ________________________________________

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