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Grand may be America's favorite mom



Teleflora ("fresh flowers, hand delivered") is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Mother's Day (May 11) by sponsoring "America's Favorite Mom," a weeklong contest to be aired on NBC's Today show and featuring the finalists of a national search of outstanding mothers who have been nominated by family members (viewers' votes will determine the winner)—mothers like grandmother Linda Quirk. Linda, a former Californian who now lives in Jacksonville, Florida, is a triathlete who is soon to run seven marathons on seven continents to raise \$1 million for a drug treatment center in Jacksonville, Florida, that, Linda says, saved the life of



her stepdaughter, Katherine (who is mom to one of Quirk's three grandchildren). "You do what you have to do for your children," Linda says. "You never give up." In honor of America's favorite moms (and that includes ours), Teleflora has designed a rose-filled bouquet.

Linda Quirk, mother and grandmother, at the finish line of an Iron Woman triathlon (swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles, run 26.2 miles—in one day).
