

Reader's digest

An extraordinary career is an option

Courtesy Kelley Buttrick



Watching my mom turn her passion into a career inspired me to do the same thing, and I hope I can be an example for my two daughters as my mom is for me. I am an award-winning professional voice-over talent running a successful business in the gig economy, and my daughter Cameron wants to be a Broadway star. When my client needed a child's voice for a Chevrolet commercial he was producing, he called and asked if Cameron, 8, might consider it. She had never done voice-over before but was having a blast acting with a local children's theater group. She jumped at the chance. I'd been hired to voice the mom in the commercial, so her first time doing voice-over was also our first voice acting job together. She says, "Working with mom showed me that I don't have to go into a typical career field—I can do something out of the ordinary. Mom did it, and I can too." I have a newfound respect for my daughter watching her professionalism and commitment to this career path.—Kelley and Cameron Buttrick