



MY MICHIGAN HERO

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Being a hero isn't one act, but a lifelong commitment. We live in a small, quiet town called Deerton, as a family of five. Here, the winters are long and cold. I think that having a good role model is important for anyone growing up. For me, this is my dad. Dad is hardworking, protective, and is willing to make sacrifices.

Dad works hard to get food on the table. Dad works as an editor and producer for a hunting television show. Doing this takes a lot of practice and experience to master, and it takes him a very long time to finish his projects. On some occasions, he is required to be a cameraman, which forces him to leave the state or country. Atop these things, he keeps my two brothers, mom, and I happy and healthy. During the hot summer, dad gathers firewood to keep us warm in the cold winter months. In the winter, he spends time hunting fresh meat which he later spends a ton of time perfecting. Furthermore, I admire dad's work ethic.

To be a parent, it takes sacrifice. Especially with three children, it takes a lot of time out of your life. Just teaching three kids at three different times to talk and walk is work. Dad used to work in drywall, until he made the choice to work from home so he would have time for us, putting us over himself. Even in the present, dad takes time to teach us. Right now, my dad is teaching my brother to hunt just like he does. With this, I know how important it is to put others before yourself.

Lastly, dad is caring and protective. Next summer, I will start drivers ed. This fact terrifies him. Even with how scared he is, he knows it must be done. In this age, technology is very important. Dad tries very hard to keep my online life safe since the internet is a scary place. When being taught to fire a gun, my dad was very careful, in that I knew what I was doing, and I was safe at all times. In the end, dad will go to any length to keep my family and I safe, and I respect that.

As you can see, my dad works hard, wants us to be safe, and is fine with sacrificing himself for others. I am inspired to be like my dad and, when I'm an adult, I'll work just as hard. We need these kinds of people in our lives. Even if he's just a dad of five living in the middle of nowhere, Michigan.



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