



MY HERO WEARS SCRUBS

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“Nurses rock!” or “Thank you healthcare workers!” are sayings you can most likely find on signs while driving through your neighborhood right now. It might mean nothing to you, but to the healthcare workers around the world, it means so much. My Michigan hero is my mother, Christie Beck. She is a nurse practitioner and has been since 2010. If you ask anybody who knows her, they would say she is a perfect fit for her profession. Though being a nurse practitioner is not an easy job already, it was especially difficult once COVID struck. My mother is my hero because of her kindness, how she handled unexpected changes in her occupation, and how she stays true to herself.

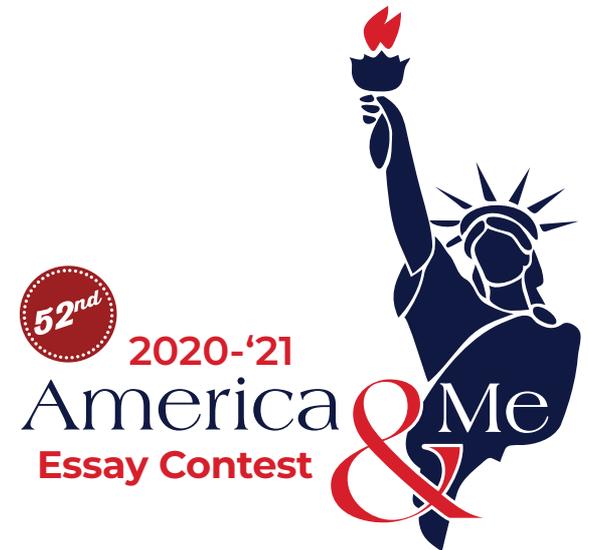
What didn't change once the coronavirus hit America was her heart. My mother is the most kind, genuine person ever. Whoever you may ask will give you the same answer. She always lights up the room with her smile and her big heart. She's always been the most positive, supportive, reliable person I know. Everyone who knows her, knows how fortunate they are to have her in their life. People strive to have the same attitude as her, yet she is very humble.

Despite her attitude not changing, her job did. My mother has always been such an amazing nurse. There may be some people who despise their careers, but that's not the case for my mother. I remember when I was little that every time she'd go to work, she'd always have a smile on her face. But once COVID hit the United States, my mother's hospital floor that she works on became the COVID floor. This was a very difficult change for my mother and it still is. When the numbers got very high in April, she had to quarantine in a camper just for safety reasons. That isn't even the worst part. What she has gone through at work is something nobody would ever want to experience. After going through so much and continuing to this day, she still keeps her head up.

These times have been tough, especially for my mother. The way she continues to be herself amazes me. Even though she faces great challenges, she still is her kind, loving, and passionate self. Her

work environment may have changed, but her perseverance and dedication could never. She will always continue to be the person everyone aspires to be. The person everyone knows and loves dearly. She is the type of person her own daughter aspires to be.

Though my mother went through so much at her work, she is still a kind-hearted, loving person. Not all heroes have to wear capes, my mother wears scrubs. She has been through the most difficult times, yet she still has a smile on her face. She always looks out for everybody else and puts others first. That's why she's such a great nurse. I'm so lucky to have her as someone to look up to as a role model. A hero is someone who is admired for what they do and who they are, and that perfectly describes my mother.



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