

# MY MICHIGAN HEROES

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My Michigan heroes are my parents. My mom, Ann Marie, and my dad, Braden, are the best influences a young girl could have been gifted. They have gotten me through the trials I have had to face in my 13 years of life.

Recently, I had to face a friendship that was doing more harm than good in my life, and I had to leave it behind. In addition, I lost my best friend, my 12 year-old dog, Bella. That was one of the worst things that has ever happened to me, but I had my parents for me to fall back on and guide me to a better place. In addition, Covid was going on. I know it seems everyone was, and is, going through it but it is a challenge that ate at me, and my parents pulled me up with their strength. They did movie nights, board games, outside walks, family bonfires and even let us be to give us space when we were together 24/7. Some of my best Covid memories were when my parents would take us for sunset drives, and we would turn the music up and all jam out. All of these are just examples of how they put on a cape and never take it off when it comes to helping me through my life. They don't just guide me through life, but lift me up through fun, love, and happy times.

Even though my parents work as a team, they each give me something unique to look up to. My dad offers his help and wisdom through his many years of trials and lessons. You might laugh when you read this, but my dad always gives us speeches on how to get through life and we call them, "daddy speeches". It's not that funny, but we always get a laugh out of it. My mom gives her love and comfort to us every day and in every hug I get. She and I will sit together at night and talk about our day while watching some of our favorite shows.

Being back in school has been a bit of a ride. Homework and stress are now there, but I still know my parents are there. Recently, we were told that we were getting a new puppy in October, and it has been the light in the tunnel to make me

drive harder. At the end of the day, I think the moral of my story is how my parents have been my hero.

In every hero's journey there is a beginning, a quest with battles, the resolution, and the end. My parents have lived through most of theirs, but I am glad to be part of their quest in life. That they can also share with me and teach me life's lessons so I can grow to be a mom like my mom and carry my dad's lessons with me everywhere I go. For they are my life's biggest heroes.



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