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My Hero

Life is like a comic book; it is full of heroes. Just because people don't go around wearing capes and tight pants does not mean the world is without heroes. Average people, with families who love them, can be heroes. Lives are being saved everyday by ordinary citizens. Doctors, firemen, police officers and teachers are my definition of real life heroes.

My dad, Douglas Brown, is my hero. Not only is he a father of three girls, but he is also a Radiation Oncologist at Munson Medical Center. Saving people's lives is what my dad does for a living. Hearing the word "cancer" from a doctor is never fun, but with my dad's reassuring voice, his patients know they are in good hands. For every person my dad is not able to cure, he can make them comfortable and out of pain. In my eyes, that is the greatest super power of all.

A week in my life is overflowing with sports practices and games. I always have something going on and no matter what sport, my dad will always be there to support me. Whether he is coaching the team or just cheering in the stands, I know that he is there because he cares. Practicing softball and basketball in our backyard is something I always look forward to because I get to spend quality time with my dad. Being able to take time out of his busy schedule makes it seem as if he has the power to stop the clock.

As an athlete, injuries are not uncommon. Throughout my life, I have injured myself more than an average girl my age, but I am never worried. It does not matter if it is a sprained ankle, or just a headache because my dad always has the cure. Our freezer is full of ice packs and frozen peas and I have never seen anyone pull them out quite as fast as he can. That is what I call super speed.

The last important characteristic my father has always had is his strong work ethic. He is always working his hardest so my family can live a good life. He has taught my sisters and me that a good work ethic can get us far in life. He keeps us kids motivated and makes sure that our house and our lawn are always in perfect condition. Day after day, I see my dad work his hardest to finish up whatever needs to be done. In comic book language, this talent would fall under the category of super strength.

As you can see, my dad is a remarkable person. Without him, my mom's, my sister's, his patients' and especially my life, would be very different. To me, my dad is ten times greater than any superhero in any comic book. I love my dad and he will always be my number one hero.

