

# Father's Day Short Story Competition

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## My Dad - My Hero



A hero is described as a person who can be admired for their courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities. I think my dad, Brando Joseph is that person.

I am an eleven-year-old boy with total guidance from my dad. My dad is selfless and a model to me. Dad treats everyone with love and respect and never discriminates. He is famous in the town of Portsmouth for bringing smiles with his jovial personality on the streets, at church, or on the famous Benjamin's Park and hard court in a game of basketball, netball, volleyball, or his favorite, football. I think that this is admirable as we need to see more smiles and happy faces in the world today.

Dad is helpful to everyone. After hurricane Maria and during the current Pandemic, I've seen dad help people effortlessly.

In the year two thousand and twenty, my dad started a family program called 'Jozifs and Friends Brings Cheer'. My family along with friends, every Christmas season, brings cheer to the elderly and needy in Portsmouth with Christmas carols and holiday goodies.

Daddy has many qualities, although he works very hard and many long hours, he does not compromise family devotions and quality time. He ensures that every morning and evening we pray together. Every Thursday night is family night, and you can hear dad's laughter as we play games or use our competitive culinary skills. Pebble throwing in the sea, marbles, and fishing are my favorite moments with him.

He's a great, model husband. He helps mom with chores. When I feel lazy, he constantly, firmly, and sometimes loudly reminds me that "housework is not for women only". He often gifts mom to show appreciation. He teaches me to celebrate achievements and moments of life and always corrects my wrongs.

On summer days daddy takes me to work with him. My grandfather did the same that's why my dad is today an efficient, responsible, and hard-working plumber. My dad made his livelihood from simple days of going to work with his dad. From a young age, dad taught me plumbing skills and I've proven my knowledge by fixing small matters. I think a great dad is one who can pass on skills to his child/children. Even when he's tired and sleepy, he sits with me to review for my national exams in June.

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Finally, dad is my hero because he survived Covid 19. In January of two thousand and twenty-two, I saw my dad motionless on a bed at one of the covid hospitals. I was outside riding my bike when he came home feeling ill. As he stood from bending, he complained of waist pain and chills. My mom urged him to drive back to the covid unit to get tested for the coronavirus. Dad was a bit hesitant but said *"well I wouldn't want to expose allu if is that, so let me go."* The next thing was a call saying he had tested positive. The next day dad was motionless. With teary eyes, I said, *"Daddy you have to come back home, fight covid 19."* The joy I felt that day when I saw my dad after being discharged, is unforgettable. That day I confirmed that dad is my real superhero. Superman was faster than a bolting bullet and had more power than a locomotive, making him the most talked about hero in history, but a dad in a child's life making memories they will never forget is the most awesome superpower. My Dad is that Dad, **MY DAD IS MY HERO!**