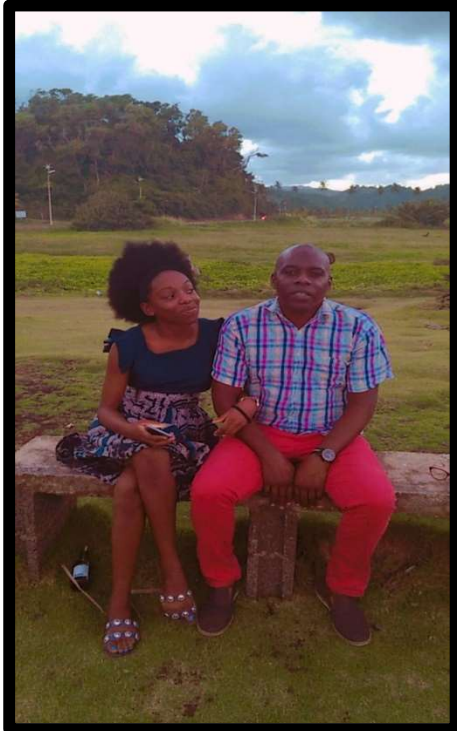


# Father's Day Short Story Competition

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## My Day- My Hero



Who is a hero? Our societal experience would have us define a hero as a dauntless, cape-wearing person we see in movies who always saves the day.

I think a hero is someone who supports your development and growth mentally, physically, and emotionally. A dad is all of this and more and I think everyone in the world deserves support from their dad.

As a teenager, I am faced with many challenges in and out of the home circle, but a positive father-daughter relationship has a huge impact on my life and even determines the strong, confident young woman I am. The bond that my father has with me gives me an extra force to be reckoned with.

Loving, caring, listening, and advising are some features that make the real unsung heroes like my dad. My dad loves and appreciates me and makes it known daily. Dad believes in me and helps me build the strong self-image and confidence that I have. I am a very proud and brilliant girl. I always look at him when I am performing at church or at a concert, to make sure that he is looking at me, that gives me the strength to stand and complete my task. I have had counsel from my dad for almost every aspect of my life. He is my biggest fan here is the reason why I affectionately call him "Fan".

When I am unhappy, he is sure to cheer me up and share encouraging words to make me feel better. His arms are the real "lean on me" arms that any growing girl can ask for.

My dad has taught me many values. He teaches me to be satisfied with what I have and to never be envious of people or their possessions. He always tells my brother and me that we should never worry and fuss over things we can't change, but rather, change our attitude or our perspective in looking at an issue. *"Every day starts and ends with God, always be grateful, ungratefulness stinks!"*, are some of his common sayings, daily. His teachings on making peace with people around us have taught me to be a problem-solver and even aided me in earning a badge as a Peer-Helper. My dad teaches us to balance life daily and reminds us of the value of time.

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He is very famous and always gives people around him something to smile about. Everyone he meets really loves him because of his sense of humor which I think I also inherited. He works long, hard hours but never forgets our dates, birthdays, and family plans. I fall asleep in his arms on the sofa, his favorite place listening to folk stories or just his favorite childhood stories or occurrences. He has made me an all-rounder because he takes time to teach me the sport of football.

My dad is the true example of a dad because he lives what he preaches. To the world's eyes, he is only one person but to me, he is the entire world. He is like a big treasure to have, hold, appreciate and cherish because while many dads walk out on their kids, paying no attention to their education, their affection, their protection, I have a model dad, who does all this and more because he wants to bring out the best in me.

I am confident that no matter how old I get I have this superhero, my dad who will give me advice as a friend, protect me like a bodyguard, and laugh with me like we're just pals, **My Dad - My Hero.**