

What is a Hometown Hero?

By Ian Chambers

To be a hometown hero is to have courage, concern, and other kind and good qualities. The dictionary defines courage as the quality of mind or spirit that enables someone to persevere through difficulty, pain, and hardships. The dictionary also defines concern as to worry or care for something. These qualities are what defines a hometown hero.

A hometown hero is often dedicated to helping others. A hometown hero is always devoted to his or her work. A hometown hero could be almost anybody, like a firefighter, a policeman, a first responder, a doctor, or even regular citizen who devotes his time to helping others or donating to the needy. These are great people in our society.

It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to become a great hometown hero, but it can also be as simple as volunteering or donating. Hometown heroes are caring, kind, courageous, inspiring, generous, and dedicated people, and without them the needy would be starving, the homeless would get sick, the soldiers overseas would lose hope, and other sad things like that would happen. But most of all, not only Richland County, not only Ohio, not only America, but the world would not be the same. Therefore, hometown heroes are a great part of our society and we should be grateful for all the things and people we've not cared about that our hometown heroes have cared about.

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"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." That quote by Winston Churchill describes perfectly Dr. Brown, the heart surgeon at MedCentral. Dr. Brown is very courageous in my eyes because he only takes on the patients that he feels he can help. He is especially a hometown hero to me because he did my father's heart surgery in January. Dr. Brown saves lives daily. I am very grateful not only to him, but to all the nurses and people working with patients of his. The nurses tend to their patients' every need and don't just "do their job" but genuinely want to care for the patients.

I think that a hometown hero, such as Dr. Brown, has to be courageous. They have to have faith that they can change lives and turn them in a positive direction. A hometown hero has concern for others. They put others' needs before their own, and they want what is best for everyone, even if it doesn't benefit themselves. A hometown hero wants to make sure that others are comfortable and healthy. I think that a hometown hero would

be inspiring. They would make little children say that they want to be like them when they grow up, and start a change in all people. A hometown hero is dedicated to a cause, and doesn't quit until they know that they have made a change. Hometown heroes are leaders. They work hard, not for themselves, but out of selflessness for others.

I think that Dr. Brown is a very important hometown hero. He tells you the truth about what is happening, then dedicates his time to making it better. I believe that Dr. Brown is a very good doctor. He performed my father's heart surgery in January, and my dad is doing very well. Dr. Brown has courage not only to be a heart surgeon, but to have the humility to admit that he doesn't know for a fact that he can do what needs to be done. I think that Dr. Brown is one, out of our many, great hometown heroes.

What is a hometown hero?

by Myla Creed

Google defines courage as "Strength in the face of pain or grief." To me a hometown hero is someone willing to give up or do something for others. I decided to write about a man named Lt. Nick Vogt.

Nick Vogt grew up outside of Crestline Ohio, in a town called Bethlehem. He showed courage and is a hometown hero. This is his story. Lt. Nick Vogt was in Afghanistan for just two months. He stepped on an explosive device that was buried in the soil. The explosive took his left leg and they had to amputate or take off his right. Lt. Nick was so badly injured the doctors said that Nick should have been dead. The hospital where he was being treated had to give him so much blood that they were running out. They needed more or Nick was going to die. Nick's fellow troops rushed to the hospital to donate blood. They saved Lt Nick's life. Today Nick is healthy and doing well. He is a hometown hero because of his bravery, his positive attitude, and his positive outlook on life.

Truly Lt. Nick Vogt is a hometown hero, but we can't forget about the more than 300 soldiers who gave their blood and prayers to Nick. Also, for the thousands of people who show up for the Nick Vogt 5K race in Crestline Ohio. Lets also not forget the soldiers, some who didn't even know him, who sat with him for hours so he wouldn't get lonely in the hospital that he was staying at overseas because his family was so far away.

Courage means not afraid of danger or pain, Inspiring means to have an inspirational effect on others, Bravery means to show courage, a positive attitude means to always look on the bright side of things, even when times get hard. This is what I believe a hometown hero is. In other words, these define Lt. Nick Vogt and all the other soldiers who gave their time, blood, and prayers to Nick.

What is a hometown hero?

By Sophie Tridico

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines dedication as a self sacrificing devotion to a cause. The person I am writing about, and my hometown hero is my mom, Judy Tridico. My mom

is a person that organizes blood drives in my brother Sam's name. My brother needed more than twenty blood transfusions when he was sick in the Children's Hospital. My mom wants the people that need the blood to get it.

Did you know that one pint of blood can save three lives? That every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion? Five million patients in the U.S. need blood every year, or that less than 38% of the population is eligible to give blood?

The reason I chose my mom is she is just so dedicated to the cause of helping people and children get the blood they need to live. She is an eligible donor and even though she hates needles she donates whenever she can. My mom also teaches at my school about my brother Sammy Tridico who died at age four. She tells them about the importance of giving blood and how it helps different people. Merriam Webster dictionary defines courage to persevere and withstand danger, fear, and difficulty, in other words my mom. She helps at her blood drives the entire time when she has them in April. That is why I chose my mom to be my hometown hero.