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My Hero

If you were to ask someone what they thought a hero was, they would probably say that it's the person with super strength, or the person in the comic book that fights the villain and saves the world. To me, a true hero isn't either of those things. A hero is an ordinary person that does an extraordinary thing. Have you ever had someone come into your life and impact it so much, it's like you're seeing the world for the first time? That's what a hero should do to your life. That's what happened to me when I first met my brother. Ever since he was born, I have been changed for the better. My little brother, Graham, has made me see the world differently. He has impacted my life by showing me that miracles really do exist, making me realize you can take nothing for granted, and by teaching me to do everything with a positive attitude through his actions.

First of all, Graham has shown me that miracles exist. When he was born, he was given a one out of ten on the Apgar test. Zero meant death and ten meant a healthy baby. The doctors said he didn't have much chance of surviving. I remember walking into his hospital room for the first time and seeing his bruised body laying in the tiny incubator, with wires that were the only thing keeping him alive hooked all over him. There were many times when we thought he wouldn't make it, but he persevered through every struggle. He fought long and hard for many months in the NICU, and 4 years later, he is a happy, healthy, sweet little boy. When he was first born, I prepared myself for the worst, but now I know I can't just give up, even when the odds are against me, as Graham has shown me. I realize that miracles can happen because he is one.

Secondly, Graham has made me realize that you can't take things for granted in life. Sometimes, when Graham got sick with things that most people would barely be affected by, he had to go into the hospital, sometimes for months at a time. In fact, he went into the hospital every weekend for a month when he first came home from the NICU for the first time. He may have to fight for his life when he has something as common as a cold. He has made me see that I should be thankful to be as healthy as I am. Before Graham was born, I would complain about things that weren't really important. Since he has been in my life, I have realized that I have it easy compared to him. He has endured so many struggles in his life, yet he never complains about anything. He is just happy to be alive, which is how I am trying to be now.

Finally, Graham has taught me to go through life with a positive attitude through his every day actions. Every time I am around him, he tries to be happy. Even when he's sick, he cracks jokes and makes me laugh. If I'm feeling down, he seems to know how to cheer me up. I know that I should look at things positively because of him. He has stayed strong through every hardship he has had, and I know I should, too. Now I try to see the good in everything because I know that that's what he would do.

When people ask me who my hero is, I don't tell them it's the person with super strength, or the person in the comic book that fights the villain and saves the world. I simply say, "My hero is my little brother." Graham has really changed my life for the better. He has proven that miracles exist, shown me that you shouldn't take things for granted, and he has taught me to go through my life with a positive attitude. Ever since the day he was born, he has been an inspiration to me. He has impacted my life in many ways and he has changed me for the better. If someone were to ask you who your hero was today, what would you say?