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A Person in Lakewood That I Admire

A person I admire in Lakewood is my mom. My mom is very kind and she is very dedicated to her job and her family. My mom is a psychotherapist for at risk youth. I also admire her because she has brought me up as a fine young almost teenager and she has taught me the rights and wrongs of life.

One of the main reasons I chose my mother for this essay is because of her job, which consists of helping people. My mother is a mental health specialist, and sometimes she has to go out after hours to do suicidal assessments to determine if they are a danger to themselves or others. My mother seems to have high-risk cases, clients who have been physically, emotionally, and sexually abused. Some of her clients have a long history of mental illness. Most of the clients she has have been detained by the Department Of Child And Family Services, some have been abandoned by the parents or relatives, also some have been taken away from their parents because of drug and alcohol abuse. In some cases its not because of drugs and alcohol, it is because the parent or parents may not be mentally capable of taking care of children.

Sometimes when my mom has a rough and emotional day she talks to my father about the day and I hear some of the misfortunes of her day. Being a therapist she is bound by a code of ethics not to breach confidentially she can not mention names or places. She is also very careful in what she says when I am in the room. One story I remember is about a teenager who was in a gang, but they were trying to get out of the gang, but the other gang members threatened to kill her and so she went hiding. My mother set up a new foster home for the client in a different neighborhood setting so the client would not have to live in fear.

In conclusion, many of my mother's clients look forward to seeing her for therapy and to talk to somebody they trust, that is an inspiration to me. I am also inspired by how much my mom means to her clients and how much they mean to her. My mom has such an impact in her client's lives. I sure do love my mom and love her dedication to her job. When I grow up I would also like to have a job were I could make a difference in somebody's life like a teacher, doctor, therapist, or crime scene investigator.

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The First of Many

One of the most important person in the history of Lakewood is Jack Iacoboni, the first mayor of Lakewood. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He was a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, and graduated from Harvard Law School. He lived with his wife Gloria and four kids Michael, Anthony, Stephen, and Nina in the Lakewood Country Club at 4148 Country Club Drive.

I think that Jack Iacoboni was a great person. He was a mayor for six years and a City Councilman for ten years. I know he was probably very busy because it says (in an old newspaper), "It is a rare moment when busy Mayor and Mrs. Angelo Iacoboni can relax." His real name was Angelo "Jack" Iacoboni. This man accomplished so much in so little time. He was always ready to help and serve the people who needed him.

He was a Catholic and went to St. Pancratius Church. Angelo helped corporate Lakewood and pioneered the Lakewood plan. He was a member of the Lakewood Elk Club, and President of the Lakewood Exchange Club.

He died at the age of 45 while playing tennis in Anaheim. He had a heart attack. He was buried in All Souls Cemetery, near his parents, he did however achive many things before he died. He was the first mayor of our city, a husband, and a father. This is why he is one of my heroes.

In conclusion, I am so glad I got to learn so much about Mayor Jack Iacoboni. He did so many things in the little time he lived. Was really dedicated to serving our community.

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The Best Teacher

Have you ever met someone who will help you out and who was there for you and someone to talk to? Have you ever been a person like that? I've met someone like that. Her name is Mrs. Maria Kuntz. She is one of the many people who has helped me out with some of my life problems. She is my 5th grade teacher and one of my idols.

I admire my teacher Mrs. Kuntz greatly because she has helped me out so much. At the beginning of the year I thought 5th grade would be hard. I thought my teacher would be mean. As soon as I met Mrs. Kuntz my opinion was tossed out the window. I knew with Mrs. Kuntz as my teacher 5th grade would be one of the easiest things that came my way. Mrs. Kuntz changed my attitude and opinion toward life. It is easy to talk to Mrs. Kuntz because she understands me. I thank her so much for that. I try to show her that but sometimes I mess up.

I have been in trouble many times this year. I get mad at myself because I'm representing Mrs. Kuntz in a bad way by acting up. I know if I was a teacher I wouldn't want one of my students doing that. That's why I admire Mrs. Kuntz. She not only helps me but anybody else who needs help. She helps me because she cares. Mrs. Kuntz isn't one of those teachers who will just listen and not have an answer, she will reply. If it's a problem that needs an answer she will try to help. I've learned that Mrs. Kuntz does not quit. She will spend much time on something until she figures it out.

Mrs. Kuntz has changed me more than anyone. I admire Mrs. Kuntz because she didn't have to help me or any body else. I'm sure that other teachers do that to but I bet Mrs. Kuntz can change more kids then they could. That's why she's special. Mrs. Kuntz is a bright, wonderful, helpful and caring person. Mrs. Kuntz is a real idol. I'm sure everybody who knows Mrs. Kuntz would agree with me.

Mrs. Kuntz has changed me a lot there's no doubt about that. I want Mrs. Kuntz to know how thankful I am. I want her to know that even though I am a hard kid to handle she can handle me. You have to be amazed by Mrs. Kuntz because the only ones who can handle me are my mom and her. I'm sure that Mrs. Kuntz has changed many other students. I'm glad I could be one of them. I will always remember her. After all, how could you forget someone who has been a big part of your life? Like I said Mrs. Kuntz has always been there for me. You shouldn't forget people who are that important. Thank you Mrs. Kuntz for leading me in the right direction.

“ Madison’s School Janitor Ben”

I really admire Ben, our school janitor. I admire him because he cleans up after everyone in the school! I know that may be a crazy reason to some people but not me. At Madison Elementary school there is trash to be picked up everywhere. No one considers to pick up trash because they think, “I don’t have to pick up trash, that’s the janitor’s job.”

Whenever I go into the girl’s bathroom there’s soap everywhere. The girls that go into the bathroom don’t really stop and think about what they’re doing. One lunch recess I saw about three girls throwing wet tissue at the ceiling so that it sticks to the walls of the bathroom. I didn’t think that was so nice. I told them that “I don’t think Ben would appreciate that.” I know that he doesn’t want to come in the bathrooms everyday and scrape tissue wads off the ceiling.

I’m not just saying I admire only my school janitor but I admire all janitors. Some kids are lazy and don’t clean up their area in class. Most of them don’t even consider that Ben has to clean up. You must really love a school to clean it up everyday. Especially if you’ve been working there for ten years. Even when he’s a little down, he always has a big smile on his face.

In conclusion, I think all of us should help around school by picking up a piece of once and a while. I think the janitor at your school would appreciate it. Ben, thank you for all the hard work around he school .

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Lakewood People We Admire

One person I admire in Lakewood is my aunt. Theresa Laverty has lived in Lakewood for thirteen and a half years, two and a half years in her new house that she and her husband bought, and eleven years in her old house. I admire my aunt because she likes to help people make peace with each other. She is also really creative. She loves to plan parties, baby showers, and a lot of other things too.

My aunt is admirable because she likes people to be together and not have a conflict or an argument. My aunt wants other people to make peace with one another. All of her siblings are married and they get into a lot of arguments and she tries to help them talk it over. My aunt doesn't want them to break up or argue anymore. I think if she wanted a job, she would make a good social worker.

My aunt likes to plan parties, like when she planned my mom's baby shower. She also helped plan my mom and dad's wedding. When she use to work at Mitsubishi, she would plan their Christmas parties. Just last Sunday she planned her mother-in-law's eightieth birthday party.

My aunt is also an amateur photographer, which is someone who takes pictures at different activities such as parties, foreign places, amusement parks, carnivals, and many others. An amateur photographer is also someone that might put together a photo album for you. She doesn't even get paid for all this; she just does it as her hobby. My aunt went to Ireland once and took beautiful pictures of sights and buildings. She is a wonderful photographer and I just love her pictures.

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My aunt has done a lot for people, she doesn't just think of herself. She cares about others and always thinks about how she can help. My aunt is a great person and you would be lucky to meet her. My aunt is the best of them all.

My Home Lakewood

Lakewood can't get better than this! Lakewood is a fantastic city to live in, at least for me. It could be a good city for you if like a super, duper, successful, admirable and an excellent city. Come on, dive in with me to discover the genuine qualities of living in Lakewood.

People don't realize how lucky they are to live in Lakewood. Who wouldn't want to live in this kind of town? Lakewood has many activities to keep you active, not bored. One thing about Lakewood, is its environment, it always entertains you. Actually Lakewood is "now" known for it's entertainment and it's shopping.

Lakewood has many shopping areas such as the Lakewood Mall. Plus there are a couple of theaters along with the city. Kids can do many sports and join many clubs. For example one we have AYSO. There are many enjoyments.

Another thought that comes to mind about Lakewood is the environment! I prefer Lakewood's environment because it's near others, like Hollywood and Long Beach. One thing great about living in Lakewood is that it's near the Beach. That especially comes in handy when the summer is on its way. The community is another tremendous thing that is important. I love that I am really close to my family. Plus our neighbors and community are all different and they all help the city in different ways. Well this is how I think of it... I found my best friend here. She points me in right directions and she's funny and smart. So there must be some good people in this community.

I've lived here for six years and it's seemed like my whole life I know Lakewood as my home and home it will stay. I love living in Lakewood, the main reason is the community. For me, I've got sheriffs to protect me, a teacher to teach me, my friends to laugh and have good times with and my family to love me. Yeah Lakewood does have some scrapes and bruises to patch up, but I know they can always heal.

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