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A Hero

A hero gives you strength to do the impossible. A hero inspires you to feel comfortable with yourself. A hero motivates you to be positive and to do positive things. A hero gives you hopes and dreams. A hero fights for you, and pushes you when you want to throw in the towel. A hero does good for others instead of themselves. A hero gives you the strength to be your own hero.

I never really knew what it felt like to have a hero worth believing in, in my life until you came along and swept me up off my feet. I guess you were dressed in disguise, lurking around the corner, watching my every move, waiting for the moment to save me from the evil villains. You let me make my mistakes, but you never leave me standing alone. I pushed you away; I was cruel and in denial of the choices I made, but you never stopped loving me. You treated me as if I was your own and gave me hopes and desires.

You came after me, looking for me when everyone else gave up on me. After all the hurtful things that were said and the denial we went through, you still wanted me in your life. You're an amazing woman and a great *Tia*. To be honest with you, I think of you more as a mom and as my *tia*. I don't know how you do it with me some days, but you never stop.

I know times get rough and confusing, but it doesn't stop us. We lean on each other in times of need. You help me believe that things do get better. You're always pushing me to do better in school and with the choices I make. You give me drive to

want to be somebody in life. Life is hard, but you show me that if you try to make the best of it, it's all worth it in the end.

Everybody has somebody they look up to. If just so happens you are my hero I look up to. You're the one I would love to be like. Irene, you are very independent, beautiful, strong, and noble. If I could be just half of what you are I would be grateful for that. I love you more than you would know, and I'm thankful to have a woman in my life like you that I can call my hero.

I watch you every day make choices that are outstanding. You show John and me how to be good people. You show us that it's worthwhile to make something of ourselves and to stay in school. You're always there for me, showing me what it's like to have someone in my life who truly cares and who doesn't give up on me when times get rough. You believe in me and push me to reach my goals. You're my *Tia* but most of all you're my hero!