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Dear Mom,

We were asked to write a letter for Catholic Schools Week to someone that has made a positive impact on my life so I chose you. I'm writing you because you are my inspiration. You are not only an inspiration to me but to all others that need one. I know that you are making me go through Catholic School so that I will be prepared for college, even though it is a lot harder to get good grades here. But it will benefit me in more ways than I can imagine.

You are not only an inspiration; you are a hero to all people that need your support. Many people need you, for you are one who lets people reach out to you for comfort and support even during hard decisions. It is not easy to live in a situation where you can not move, or you are being abused and you are too scared to talk out. But Mom, you tell people that it is okay that there is life after a wheel chair, and that you should not hide while you are being beaten but stand up and confront your problems. Maybe you are a hero to other people because of that, but to me you are a hero just because you are living a normal life like others. I could say that you are my shining star, but truly, Mom, you are not mine, but alone an idol for others as well. I have only turned out to be a good kid because you have helped me through all of my problems and still you can make it to my lacrosse games and my drama play but you have a way. Some people say you can only have one miracle in a life time but to me it feels like I have one every day, just being able to have a Mom who is willing to talk to me and push me in the right direction.

Your loving son,  
Joe Grossman