

Heroes in the Home Caregiver Recognition Award 2018

Matthew and Jacob Steel



Matthew and Jacob are a couple of very special young men that happen to be brothers and, their bloodline aside, they share a common bond as caregivers for their father, Chris, who lives with multiple sclerosis. They've been helping to support him for the past couple of years since Matthew was 10 and Jacob was 8. These young carers provide physical support by measuring the supplements and medication for Chris, making sure he has the right amount and takes it every day.

Matthew and Jacob provide emotional support by spending time with their parents, cheering them up and making them laugh. They provide household support for the entire family by helping with meal preparation, washing dishes, house cleaning, doing the laundry, sorting the recycling and shoveling snow in the winter. They also worry about their Dad and wonder how he's doing when they aren't with him and provide support for their Mom as much as they can.

Matthew is a smart and helpful 12-year-old who speaks positively about his Dad and tries to help his Mom by taking care of things without being asked. 10-year old Jacob is thoughtful and caring, always thinking about others and how he can make them laugh. When their Dad suffered a relapse and had to be hospitalized, it was hard on the family because they didn't get to see him. The brothers really stepped up, making sure their Mom was okay, going the extra mile to help out around the house and make sure they do all they can to brighten Chris's spirits.

Even when faced with typical school yard challenges and a few unkind classmates, Jacob and Matthew have remained strong and continue providing unwavering support to their Mom and Dad, doing everything possible to help ease the burden. In their spare time, they enjoy their time at Cubs/Scouts, playing video games and sports and generally trying new things. Matthew and Jacob are two remarkable brothers who have taken on so many extra responsibilities without complaint to gladly support their family. We are honoured to recognize Matthew and Jacob as Heroes in the Home!



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