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## My Champion

If someone asked a seventh grade girl who their champion is who do you think they would say? Maybe Hannah Montana the top pop singer for young girls, or Jackie Joyner-Kersey the top Olympian, or any other famous celebrity. I am happy to say that my champion is not a celebrity or outstanding athlete. My champion is my grandma. My grandma never gives up, she is my biggest supporter, and she is the best role model.

First, if my Mimi starts a project she always finishes it. This year she made everyone in my family a family cookbook for Christmas. She had worked on it since June. Whenever I visited her house I always saw her working on it. My grandma fought breast cancer, too. Luckily the doctors caught it early. She still had to fight through treatments. She never gave up. She still learns new things and teaches me new things. She has taught me to watercolor paint and cook. Champions persevere.

Next, in every thing I do my Mimi supports me. Looking back on when I played basketball and soccer I can always remember my Mimi being there cheering me. Now she comes to my lacrosse games even if it is raining and early in the morning or cold and late at night. After any of my dance or piano recitals she is always waiting for me with her lovely smile and flowers. Even if I don't win she encourages me to try again and get better. Champions cheer.

Finally, I am always striving to be more like my grandma. She goes to my church and always tries to live her faith, not preach. She has never let me down on anything she has promised me. My Mimi is a leader and always willing to give a helping hand. She organized a group of couples to make a delicious meal and feed the homeless. The other day she dropped everything she was doing to rush to the hospital to help a friend's mother listen to a doctor's diagnosis. Even when something bad happens she can slap on a smile and make someone feel good. Champions care.

In conclusion, the dictionary's first definition for a champion is- *one that wins first prize in competition*. That is not how I think of a champion. I think of the third definition that says- *an ardent defender or supporter of a cause or a person*. I know that my grandma will be there in everything I do and will always be someone to admire. She is never going to go out of style or have her record broke. My grandma is a winner and my number one champion.