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Pick of the day

A mom in need, a mom in deed

There is a hero mom among you, and she'd deserve the Mom Lifetime Achievement Award, if there were one.

When her brother gave her the news that his wife had been diagnosed with breast cancer last November — weeks after they had lost his wife's mother to breast cancer — Jodi (Caldwell) Austin, like a consummate leader with compassion and drive, sprang into action.

The following six months, she made trips to Williamsburg to take care of her brother's two young boys, then 3 and 7, while doctors tended to their mom. She put her life on hold, with husband Coley's support, while her sister-in-law underwent surgeries and chemotherapy. She tended to the family with kindness and

courage, and kept their spirits and health progressing. She nursed her brother's wife after surgery and after her first chemotherapy treatment, when he needed to leave town for a week.

She coordinated communication among family, providing updates and transporting meals and provisions. Her super-hero attitude put them on the road to recovery.

The gratitude of the Caldwells of Williamsburg transcends time and space, and, of course, cannot adequately be expressed by words. In any event, on our behalf, here's to the Super-Hero-Mom of Roanoke, Jodi Austin.

PRISCILLA AND GREG CALDWELL,
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