



## The One Who Has Impacted My Life Most

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Coach Eden has impacted my life so much. He treats me like the son he has never had. He always is looking out for me when I need it the most. He also shows me how to make the best of all my situations. I think of Coach Eden as the dad that I never had. The reason Coach Eden and I are so close is because he coaches me in two different sports. He is also the main coach for the positions that I play.

When I am with Coach Eden we always talk about going fishing on either a Sunday afternoon or a Wednesday night when I don't have school or football. He treats me as if I was his own son by buying me food if I ever need it or if we are doing something with the team and I do not have any money to pay for whatever I need he also lets me get away with a lot more than any coach on the team. When I say he lets me get away with a lot more than every coach, I mean he shows me what I did wrong and how I can improve myself and what I did.

At one point in time my parents were having a lot of trouble with their marriage, and he said if I ever needed to move into his house and live with him for a while that I could. I was honestly excited about getting to live with him because I would not have to deal with my parents always fighting and I could actually have a father figure in my life who wanted to hang out and do the same kind of stuff that I like to do. I was going to finally get to go on the fishing trip that we had always talked about going on. It turns out that I never stayed with him, but I am glad to know that he will always be there for me when I need it.

Another reason Coach Eden has impacted my life is because he always shows me how to make the best of my situation. What I mean by that is he shows me all the positive things to come from a bad situation. My freshmen year, right before Christmas, both of my parents were out of a job, and they did not have enough money to buy me any presents. So for my Christmas present Coach Eden took me shopping. The football program gave me and a few more kids 100 dollars a piece to spend on some new clothes. On top of the 100 dollars I got from them, Coach Eden gave me another 100 dollars for anything that I wanted. He did not have to do that or even take the only day away we got off from football to spend it with me, but he did. Coach Eden showed me that it is good to help others in a need of a giving and loving time. I will always be thankful that

Coach Eden did what he did for me. He also helped me to realize that even though times are tough and hard, there are always good things to come, especially when you are patient. When you are patient and do not quit and keep fighting the hardness and pain of whatever you are going through, great things will come.

Coach Eden will always be close to me in a way that no one else will ever be. He will always be my favorite coach and one of the people that I trust more than anything in the world. In a way, I can see him being in my future for a very long time to come. I can also see him helping me with any kind of trouble that I will have no matter how bad it is. He is not only like the dad that I never had, but is also like the brother that I have always wanted. We will always be close no matter what. I plan for him to be in my life for a long time because he will be coaching me in football and since I am too old to play senior league baseball anymore, I want to help him coach. I think me helping him coach will bring us closer together than ever because we have a lot more to talk about, and we both enjoy winning very much.

Coach Eden has impacted my life more then any other person has ever done. He can show me how to have a good time even though we have been at practice for three hours already and we still have two more left. He can also show me the really caring side and treat me like his son. I and Coach Eden are closer then anybody else on the team and I plan on it staying that way for a very long time in the future.



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