

The person I admire and believe that embodies a pillar of Character Counts, is my mother. Even though I don't live in the company of her currently, it does not mean that she does not display her maternal responsibilities, in fact, I affirm that she prominently and clearly epitomized the pillar of responsibility in many ways.

As foreshadowed beforehand, I grew up in a dysfunctional and broken family. My dad left home before I could even comprehend that he had forsaken our family. My mother would depart for work early in the morning and come home past midnight everyday just to support our family. It would be just me and my brother alone at home. This common occurrence had slowly become an everyday routine for the 5 year old me. Even though my situation sounds saddening, My family was still affectionate to me after the countless dismaying events. I loved my family. The sorrows of unfortunate circumstances; I was calloused to them. I accepted that this was my life I had to live out.

On one serene morning, when I woke up with my mom beside me, she wanted to tell me some news. She had said we would be now living in America, away from her. Even though I was adapted to her common absence, I still woke up to her every morning. So as you can guess, I was harshly affected by this, I feared that she was abandoning my brother and me just like our father did. After I made the transition from Korea to America, I soon had an epiphany, my mother had not deserted me, she had instead given a chance once in a lifetime, one that a limited number of kids get. As you probably guessed, I still live in America. Since then I had learned numerous things and made countless mistakes, but through all these instances, I never had a moment where I wasn't grateful for my mom. She works in Korea, away from her kids just to give me and my brother an opportunity to succeed. After all these hardships and roadblocks in our lives, my mom never resigned her duty as a mother and continuously pursues excellence for our whole family. She fulfills the pillar of responsibility and much more.