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## Scholarship Spotlight

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Red- that's what I had to wear every Thursday as a kid. My mom wore red to work, and she sent me to school wearing red, but I never understood why. I also never understood how the Union worked despite my mom being a union steward for 21 years and integrating it into my life for 17 years. I never

even knew that the Union and Verizon were completely separate things and that my mom worked for both.

Whenever my mom explained something she had to do for work I always liked to say that she should have just been a lawyer, because she would tell me she had to review cases and represent people. It's actually really crazy to think that my mom has had the same job since before I was born, and if it wasn't for the Union fighting Verizon for the workers to get fair wages and benefits, that probably would not be the case. That last time Verizon workers went on strike I actually walked with them, in the rain, to support my mom.

The thing that I finally understand the most is that the Union is responsible for everything I have. A place to live, everything in my house, food to eat everyday, and even things that aren't necessities like my phone or my laptop. I'm glad that I can finally understand and appreciate the things that the union has indirectly done for my family, and now that I'm older and I finally understand everything, my mom still tries to convince me to wear red on Thursdays.



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