

Sommer and her mom, Renee

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, WE ARE CELEBRATING THOSE WHO GAVE THANKS.

Congrats to the winner of our Give Thanks Photo Contest, where we asked America to tell us who they're thankful for. Here's what Sommer had to say:

"Without my dad around, my mom had to be two parents in one. No easy task. But she showed me that a single parent who gives her all can be better than two parents who don't. She gave up her own life to raise me, and always promised that, no matter what life brings, we'd get through it together. In high school, when I contracted viral meningitis and spent months in the hospital, nearly paralyzed and in excruciating pain, she never left my side. Thanks to her sacrifice, I'm now a freshman at Syracuse University. My mom is my best friend. Without her I wouldn't be who I am today."

Don't forget to thank the people who help make you who you are today. The boss of your life. The Chief Life Officer.

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