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Everyday Heroes

By Neal Levin



	<u>line</u>
Everyday heroes are taking a stand,	1
Building communities, lending a hand.	2
Everyday heroes are working with tools,	3
Washing the windows and sweeping the schools.	4
Everyday heroes are planting new trees,	5
Comforting loved ones who have a disease.	6
Everyday heroes are baking the bread,	7
Giving the homeless a meal and a bed.	8
Everyday heroes are cheering on others,	9
Keeping an eye on their sisters and brothers.	10
Everyday heroes are teaching and preaching,	11
Hearts always open and arms always reaching.	12
Everyday heroes are always sincere.	13
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 - d. celebrating people who do important work and help others
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2.	_____	_____ _____

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| 2. _____ communities | b. honest |
| 3. _____ comforting | c. person who does not have a place to live |
| 4. _____ disease | d. groups of people who live together |
| 5. _____ homeless | e. rooting for someone or something |
| 6. _____ cheering | f. giving a sermon or moral advice, usually at a church |
| 7. _____ preaching | g. making someone feel better |
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