

# MY HERO

**On September 8, 1998 a major league baseball player hit the shortest home run all season. However, that home run broke Roger Maris's record. Mark McGuire is that major league baseball player and my hero. He is the best home run hitter ever with 583 homeruns in his career. He is better than Babe Ruth. I admire him because of his athletic ability, his compassion for others, and his status as a role model to young people.**

**When he started baseball he was on the Oakland A's. He was in four World Series, but the A's only won one. In his rookie season he hit forty-nine home runs. Then in 1997, he was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals. In that season he hit 58 home runs. Then in 1998, he broke Roger Maris's record of sixty-one home runs. In 1999, he was the first player to hit 60 home runs after hitting sixty the year before. In 2000 he hurt his knee and didn't play for the rest of the year. After the 2001 season he retired. His**

**amazing career leaves me spellbound. Mark McGuire's outstanding athletic ability is one of the major reasons why I admire him.**

**Not only he is a good baseball player, Mark also has a great deal of compassion for others. He gives money to charities. Mark McGuire encourages young people not to do drugs. He promotes famous companies like Nike by wearing their products. He only endorses good quality products.**

**Mark McGuire is a good role model because he can inspire young people to do their best and keep reaching for their goals. He also teaches kids never to give up and keep trying. He sets an example of what baseball truly is. He doesn't care if he gets paid. He just loves baseball and playing it.**

**In conclusion, Mark McGuire is my hero for many reasons. He is an awesome athlete, a compassionate human being, and a wonderful role model for young people like me. I play baseball and hope to become as good or nearly as good as Mark. I hope too that I can become the kind of man that he is because athletic ability doesn't make a person. It's who they are that counts.**