



From candidate Bill Cooper

I am someone who started with nothing more than a strong work ethic instilled in me by my family, and the encouragement to believe in my own potential.

Over the past 25 years I have started numerous businesses and created hundreds of jobs in West Michigan.

Like most Americans, I know what it is like to struggle. Looking back, some of my greatest “life lessons” wisdom gained came from the difficulties I experienced working my way through the challenging times.

My wife Wendi and I have three little girls, Annie, age 8; Maggie, 7; and Grace, 5. As a father, I want my children to grow up in a nation where the Constitution is still respected and honored.

If you choose to support me, you have my solemn promise that I will stay true to the principles that are my motivation for running to represent you in Congress.

Respectfully,
Bill

About Bill Cooper

Bill Cooper could best be described as a serial entrepreneur. He started his first business while still in high school. He purchased semi-truck loads of logs, cut them into firewood and sold them by the cord.

While in college, he purchased run-down homes and, ultimately, eight apartment units in Grand Haven. Shortly after putting himself through college, Bill took the \$50,000 he had saved through his early ventures and started a quick printing business in Fruitport. Why quick printing? Because he happened to read an article suggesting that quick printing would be one of the fastest growing industries in the nation over the next five years. Billy the Printer soon grew into three locations and is still in operation today, owned by one of Bill’s first employees.

In the past 25 years, Bill has also owned and operated several fitness clubs, an outdoor advertising company, a corporate aircraft brokerage business, a travel agency, a professional hockey team, and several other commercial properties and developments.

Among his business accomplishments, Bill will say that he is probably the most proud that through all of the businesses, business cycles and hundreds of employees, he has never had to lay off a single employee; nor has he ever had a bill go unpaid.

He is the only person to be named a Muskegon County Entrepreneur of the Year finalist four different years with four different companies.

For years people who know Bill Cooper have encouraged him to run for public office. With the announcement of Pete Hoekstra’s retirement of Michigan’s Second Congressional District seat, Bill believes that this is the right time for him to run for public office. Bill, along with his supporters, believes that his experience, vision and unwavering commitment to fiscally conservative values are desperately needed in Washington. Bill intends to pursue this next phase of his life with the same commitment to learning, and the same passion and enthusiasm that he employs with everything he does. He believes that real leadership isn’t just spending taxpayer dollars, but reforming the system and making tough decisions.

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oner Road by Tom Hicks. It has pictures of our dogs on it, one of which was put to sleep three weeks ago. Please call (231) 750-9466. •

4th Grade essays for Mothers

Nice grandma. Essay by Brianna Stiles, Edgewood Elementary, 4th grade

My grandma always makes cookies. She makes chocolate chip for me and oatmeal for my brothers. She sometimes gives us riddles. If we’re bored, she will play board games with us like Chutes and Ladders, Battleship and Hangman. My grandma always goes to Dairy Queen to get some ice cream for us or she’ll go to the store to get ice cream. My grandma is the nicest grandma you could have.

My mom is special. Essay by Jordyn Briggs, Beach Elementary, 4th grade, for his mom, Christine

Many people don’t realize it, but I’ve come to know that my mom is special. She puts up with my siblings and me. Instead of her telling me she loves me, she shows me that she loves me, and she brings me all the way across town.

My mom is special because she puts up with my siblings and me. She puts up with us when my dad is gone and we’re being bad. She puts up with us when we want to do something and we can’t.

My mom is special because instead of her telling me she loves me, she shows me that she loves me. If I’ve had a bad day, my mom will sweeten it up with a nice dinner and a snack after it. My mom is special because she takes me all the way across town. She brought me to Ludington just to ride a horse. She brought me all the way through Manistee to get to Traverse City, which is three or four hours away! She brought me to Florida which took us one or two days long.

So if you don’t realize that your mom is special, then you better think again about what your mom does for you.

The coolest cat around. Essay by Tylinne Johnson, Edgewood Elementary, 4th grade

My mother is cool. She works at Red Lobster. My mom’s name is Shanon Ameilia Webb. She is 30. Her birthday is November 27. My mom takes me places to get stuff I want. Most of the time she gets me stuff I need. She tells me clothes are more important than toys and stuff like that. She says I also need to be responsible with my phone then I might get my own facebook page like my best friends do. Some of the places she takes me to are Chuck E. Cheese and Disney World in Orlando, Florida I love my mom. My mommy is mine.

Special Mommy. Essay by Eli, Edgewood Elementary, 4th grade

My mom’s name is Renea. She loves to take me to the craft and vendor shows to talk about people about WTW. She is special because she is generous. She’ll do my laundry for me. Renea is so caring, she pays for my acting classes and my sheets of music, also education. She is a hoot! She makes me crack up. She takes songs and says them wrong. Renea takes the Black Eyed Peas songs and totally messes them up. Now, if that’s not funny, I don’t know what is! Renea lets me pick where to go, too. Her full name is Renea Mary Nichols.

My cool grandma. Essay by Taylor, Edgewood Elementary, 4th grade

My grandma is really funny when she tells us jokes. They make all of her grandchildren laugh. My grandma’s name is Sandy McFadyen, and whenever we spend the night at her house we get to play with the cats, dogs, birds and goats. We get to stay up late and watch funny movies. My grandma Sandy also has fun things to do outside like swim, play on the swing set or tire swing, take a walk in the back yard, play with the baby goats, or we can just simply sit down and pluck the grass. Grandma Sandy also buys us cool stuff like these kinds of balls that bounce up to 75 feet high! They are so cool! My Grandma Sandy is the best grandma ever!

My mom is special. Essay by Maleena Gale, Beach Elementary, 4th grade, for her mom, Dana Corbett

My mom is so special I can’t stop thinking about her. Also I love her so much that she is like the smell of a pretty rose. My mom says that she loves me more than anything in the whole wide world. Well, I love her more than anything in the whole wide world. My mom is special because she shows how much she loves me. Once, for my birthday, she was making chicken parmesan because she knew it was my favorite food and I knew she was showing how much she loves me. My mom is special because she is a great cook.

My mom is special because she takes care of me. Once when I hurt my back really bad my mom went out of work right at the beginning of the day to get me. Also when I felt sick one day my mom was about to send me to school but first she took my temperature and it was 101.1 so she kept me at home with my stepdad. I love my mom and I think she is the most wonderful mom ever! What do you think about your mom?

The best godmother ever. Essay by Nate, Edgewood Elementary, 4th grade

My godmother is a really funny person. She makes up the funniest jokes like, “What’s gray, big and has a bungy cord?” An elephant bungy jumping! I think that’s funny. She has a pretty cool job, too. She works at a dental clinic. She is the manager of the place. That’s a really responsible job! She spoils me a lot. She takes me to downtown Grand Haven and we have ice cream. I always get a new one every time such as superman or chocolate chip. After that we go to the Mackinaw Kite Shop to buy yoyos.

My grandma is special. Essay by Kaylee Craig, Beach Elementary, 4th grade, for her grandmother Cheryl Craig

Many people think their grandma is just their mom’s mom, but I’ve come to know that they’re more than that.

My grandma is the greatest parent ever. For example, she gets me whatever I want. She also loves me to death.

Grandmas always show you they love you. For example, she shows me she loves me even when I’m mad and don’t want to see anyone.

Grandmas help you when you’re sick. But they might not always bring you chicken noodle soup. For example, she brings me medicine when I need it and always checks on me.

If you have a grandma, think about calling or visiting. You should always respect her.

Grandma. Essay by Jordan Gilbert, Beach Elementary, 4th grade

Have you ever wondered why your grandma is so special? Grandma Christine Gilbert is special because she gives me the greatest food ever. She buys me everything I want and she gives me love.

My grandma is special because she gives me the greatest food ever. Here is an example.

“Grandma, can I have a pierogi?” I said.

“I’m still making it, grandson,” Grandma said.

“Okay,” I said.

“Here they are,” Grandma said.

“Wow. That was quick,” I said.

“I did a good job, right?” Grandma said.

“Yes, and thank you.” I said.

“Well, you’re welcome,” Grandma said.

My grandma is special because she buys me everything I want. Here’s an example:

“Grandma, look. I found the Lamborghini Murcielago hot wheels car,” I said.

“Here, I’ll buy it for you,” Grandma said.

“Okay, well thank you.” I said.

“Well, you’re welcome,” Grandma said.

My grandma is special because she gives me love. She supports me in sports. She buys me presents. She goes to my school parties, and she helps me with schoolwork.

My opinion is my grandma is the best in the world.

My mother is special. Essay by Brittany Showers, Beach Elementary, 4th grade, for her mother, Heather

My mom is the greatest mom because she does stuff for me. Is your mom as special as mine? My mother is special because she does stuff for me. She doesn’t buy herself stuff. For example, I have about 1,000 pairs of pants. But my mom only has two pairs of pants.

My mother is special because she gives me shelter. For example, my mom can make me live outside, but she doesn’t. She gives me a nice place to live. I have a bedroom and a yard.

My mother is special because she gives me clothes. For example, my mother only has a few clothes. She gives me lots of clothes. She gives me shirts, skirts, pants, shorts, sweaters, dresses, and other stuff.

My mother is special because she defends me. For example, this fifth grader at my old school threw an ice ball at me and it hit my eye. I had a black eye, so my mom went over to the fifth grader’s house and told her mom. She defended me.

So, think...is your mom as special as mine? If she is, you need to tell her you love her and respect her because she is great!

What makes my mom special? Essay by Ryan King, Beach Elementary, 4th grade for his mom Michelle

I think my mom is the greatest mom on earth because she makes me laugh. For example, she always tickles me and she makes up funny songs.

Mom always takes care of me when I’m sick. She gives me soup and some milk. I get some medicine when I go to sleep.

Mom makes healthy food like broccoli, salad and steak. It is so good. I can’t control eating it. She wants me to be healthy.

I love my mom so much that I don’t know what I would do without her!

My mother. Essay by Lauren, Edgewood Elementary, 4th grade

My mother is very special to me because she takes care of me. She feeds me, loves me, and when I was little, she always wanted to rock me to sleep. She is also special to me because she found me a loving and caring dad! My mom and dad are special to me because they found a house for us with separate bedrooms to sleep in! My mom is also special to me because she always wants to try something new! My mom is special to me because I feel comfortable and safe around her! Sometimes my mom wants to have fun like go golfing, Chuck E. Cheese, or even Craig’s Cruisers. Even though they are expensive, she still pays and knows that I will love her for the rest of my life! My mom and dad even got me a dog that I could name. It was between Ruffise or Buddy. I chose Buddy because he is my buddy and me always will be. I love my mom because she yells at me to do something right, fix what I do wrong, or even to know what I did wrong! If I didn’t have my mom, I wouldn’t have anybody to lean on. If your mom yells at you it’s just because she loves you, cares for you and wants to keep you safe!