Michelle always wanted to be a mother. And when that day came, she did everything she could to protect her son.

Michelle: No trading lunches at school today, AJ!

Michelle volunteered as a room parent at school. And people seemed to listen.

Michelle: Cutting out recess is not an option... (In fact, I was thinking....)

Michelle did everything in her power to prevent AJ from getting the diabetes that was so common in her family and community.

AJ: I love you, mom!

Michelle visited cdc.gov/deserve for more information. Brought to you by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.