

HOUSEWISE STREETWISE® Heroes Writing Contest

HOUSEWISE STREETWISE® is a comprehensive safety education program for second and third graders. The curriculum and activities support the SC standards for those grades. The program was developed by a partnership of the Greenville County Legal Auxiliary, the Greenville County Schools, and the Victim Witness Division of the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office. It is administered through the Solicitor's Office. Materials are available, free of charge, to public or private elementary schools in Greenville County. Reservations must be made by calling Teresa Moore at (864) 467 8612.

The HOUSEWISE STREETWISE Heroes Writing Contest is open to any *third grader* who has participated in the HOUSEWISE STREETWISE program, either during the current school year or during the previous year as a second grader. Stories must be true, and must be submitted through the child's teacher, using the entry blank found in the HOUSEWISE STREETWISE curriculum.

Below are some of the winning stories, since the contest began in 2002.



MY HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HERO: MY BROTHER, JOE

**Nina C.
Mrs. Brown's Third Grade
Stone Academy**

HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HERO WRITING AWARD Spring, 2002

Once when I was little my big brother, Joe, saved me. I happened like this. One day Joe and I were playing downstairs in our playroom with Legos. We were just playing along with our little Legos, until.... The ceiling started to fall right above us! I did not notice at all. Then Joe grabbed me by the hand. Joe pulled me up the stairs before the ceiling could fall on me. That is why Joe is my hero.



**MY HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HERO:
MY DAD**

**Meghan L.
Mrs. Brown's Third Grade
Stone Academy**

**HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HERO
WRITING AWARD
Spring, 2003**

My dad is my hero. He saved my life by doing the Heimlich. Here is how it happened. We were sitting in my kitchen, eating dinner. We were having tacos. I swallowed a taco shell, and I was choking. I knocked over my plate to show that I was choking. My dad had to do the Heimlich on me.

After that I tried to help Mom clean up the mess; but she said, "After that you need to get your rest." That next morning I was fine!

The End



**An Adult Who Cares:
My Dad—A HOUSEWISE STREETWISE Hero**

**Kayla Ann J.
Yvonne Cockerill's Third Grade
Taylors Elementary**

**HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HERO
WRITING AWARD
Spring, 2005**

My dad is a Housewise Streetwise Hero because he helped my brother when he broke his arm. My brother went to my neighbor's house to jump on their trampoline. He started roughhousing with one of the neighbors. The boy picked my brother up and dropped him on his arm and it broke.

He broke his arm on September 9, 2001. My dad had just gotten home from work and was eating his dinner. I came running home and got dad because my brother could not get off the trampoline. My dad got on the trampoline and calmed my brother down and kept him still until the ambulance came.

That night was very scary, but my dad made us feel a lot better. That is why he is a Hero to me. My dad knew just what to do in a scary situation. My brother's arm is better now. I love my Hero very much.



**MY HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HERO:
MY DAD**

Derek M.
Mrs. Cockerill's Third Grade
Taylors Elementary

**HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HERO
WRITING AWARD
2009**

My dad is my Housewise Streetwise Hero because he saved my whole family from getting hurt in the fire. Here is what happened.

That night my daddy was putting me to sleep and the house caught on fire. My dad made sure my whole family got out except my mom because she was out of town.

His arm got burned trying to put out the fire on his own so he just waited until the firemen got there so they could put out the fire. He realized he didn't need to go back in the house. Then he worked with some of his friends to rebuild our house. And he was working at BMW so he had to go back and forth working.

He was working night shift so he would go to work, then get some rest, then go back to work for like 2 or 3 hours and then come back home and worked on the house some more. That's why my dad is a Housewise Streetwise Hero. He saved our family and rebuilt our house.

Usually the Writing Contest judges do not award a prize to a story of which the *author* is the HOUSEWISE STREETWISE Hero. In 2006, they made an exception to this rule, and gave a Special Alert Owl Award to Meredith Gentry of Taylors Elementary.



**SPECIAL ALERT OWL AWARD
FOR COOL THINKING IN AN EMERGENCY**



**HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HEROES
WRITING CONTEST
SPRING, 2006**

**By Meredith G.
Yvonne Cockerill's Third Grade
Taylors Elementary**

HOUSEWISE STREETWISE HERO

One night I saved my mom's life. At first I had no idea of what was going on. But my mom's blood sugar dropped, so I called for help. Someone came and got everything fixed.

That night I was sleeping with my mom. I rolled over and I felt something wet. I rolled over farther. My mother was sweating. I found out her blood sugar had dropped. She said she was cold. I tried to think of what to do.

I called my grandparents. They didn't answer. I tried again. Still no answer. So I called the fire department. In a little while I saw flashing lights. I went downstairs. I didn't know the combination for the alarm so I just let it go off. I got a chair from the kitchen to open the garage. Then they came in.

Then they all went up stairs. I wasn't far behind. They gave my mom a type of medicine. I fixed her a peanut butter sandwich. She was ok.

If I hadn't been there she would have died. A 6-year old girl was scared, but she knew what she had to do. That's why I say she is a Housewise Streetwise Hero.