



**HOUSEWISE STREETWISE WRITING AWARD
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**My Hero:
Lieutenant Travis Cone, Great Firefighter and Dad**

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Travis Cone is my hero. He is my dad and works as a Lieutenant firefighter for Wade Hampton Fire Department. He is a great firefighter who takes his profession seriously. He enjoys helping people and saving lives.

My dad is in charge of three stations. He is a trainer for these fire stations. He believes in physical fitness so firefighters won't have heart attacks, because heart attacks are the number one reason that firemen die. He trains firemen several days every week in physical fitness so they will be healthy enough to get through the stress of being called to a fire with just a few minutes' notice and be capable to perform life saving duties at fires. He teaches his team to be able to put out fires safely. My dad also shows firemen new techniques for getting out of buildings safely.

My dad created the Honor Guard for Greenville County. The Honor Guard participates at special events such as at the BiLo Center.

My dad went to an apartment fire last week. It was a three-story building. The flames were really tall and the temperatures were extremely hot. He helped to get people out from the burning building safely. No one was hurt.

My dad is my hero because he is a great firefighter and also a wonderful, loving father. When he is not working, we enjoy going fishing together. Perhaps, when I grow up, I will be a firefighter like my dad and save lives.



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My Hero: Dianne Giles

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Dianne Giles is my hero. She's my hero because she has saved a little girl's life before. This happened back in 1974 when she was a telephone operator.

It was Christmas Eve in Greenville, 1974, and Dianne was working her nighttime shift. She got a phone call. Dianne answered the call and, to her surprise, it was a little girl! The girl said she was home alone with no one but her grandfather. She explained that her grandfather had shot himself.

Dianne helped the girl stay calm, just as well as herself, and held her on the line. She called the police and told them where the girl was. Then after the girl was safe, she signed off.

I think that was very heroic. I heard the story, and it seems like a dream, but it's not. The experience, I'm sure, was both exciting and scary when it happened.

Dianne Giles is alive today. Now, she is in charge of childcare of a church named Redemption World Outreach Center. My mother works with her there. I believe someday I will do something heroic too, because Dianne Giles set such a good example for me.



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A Housewise Streetwise Hero: My Dad

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My hero is my dad. What he did to make himself a hero was he helped my friend's family get out of the way on a highway. This is what happened.

We were coming home from a swim meet and we were on a highway. My friend's family got a flat tire and my dad turned around and pulled to the side to help.

Being on the side of a highway is scary. My dad made sure everyone was okay. He checked to see where the hole in the tire was while my friend's dad told him how they got the flat tire.

My dad helped replace the tire with a new one. The dads worked so quickly that it seemed it only took them two minutes to repair the tire. I think my dad was scared trying to repair a tire on a highway.

He also provided a safe place for my friend. I think it was very nice for him to let them stay in our van. We all buckled up and hugged each other.

I'm so glad that my dad helped them. They probably would have gotten hurt or killed. I'm glad my dad is a hero!