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TOPIC: Sheriff Presents Life Saving Award

Real life super heroes come in a variety of descriptions and ages. They don't wear flashy outfits with capes and masks. In fact they don't even know they are super heroes until the moment when their hearts and minds answer the "call to action".

One such hero is 12 year old Lucas O'Bryant a student at the J. B. Henderson Center. On August 1st, Lucas was at his neighborhood community swimming pool when he noticed someone was struggling at the bottom of the pool. At that moment Lucas sprang into action.



He jumped into the pool and swam to the bottom and pulled 12 year old Whitney Cabasag to the surface. He then got her to the side of the pool where she was assisted in getting out. Whitney could not swim and had been unexpectedly pushed into the water from behind. Although no one saw the incident due of the activity, Lucas noticed that she was in danger.

When School Resource Deputy Timothy Burnham learned of the action Lucas had taken he passed the information along to Sheriff Keith McBrayer. The Henry County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the Henry County Board of Education provide School Resource Officers for the public school system.

"One of the most rewarding duties as Sheriff is to recognize outstanding accomplishments performed by residents of Henry County." Stated Sheriff McBrayer. "It is especially gratifying to recognize the accomplishments of our youth."



L to R: Whitney Cabasag, Sisco Cabasag, Lucas O'Bryant, Mary Cabasag, and Otis Wilson, Sr.

The Life Saving award was presented to Lucas on August 28th in a ceremony at the Sherriff's Office. His Grandfather, Otis Wilson, Sr., and Whitney's parents, Sisco and Mary Cabasag were present along with Sheriff's deputies and command staff. The citation reads; "The Sheriff of Henry County Presents Lucas O'Bryant This Life Saving Award For Taking Immediate Personal Action To Assist Another Person In Their Time of Crisis On August 1, 2018 By Pulling a Drowning Victim to Safety From the Bottom of a Swimming Pool, Resulting in the Saving of a Human Life."