

City of Lakewood

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Dear Mr. Snyder:

On July 11, 2008, at approximately 4 p.m., your 81-year-old neighbor, Evelyn Coleman, was in her driveway trying to unload the trunk of her car, when it backed over her. Trapped underneath the vehicle, Ms. Coleman was injured and bleeding. She called your residence in an attempt to get help. Your son, Tyler, saw the caller identification and realized it was from the Coleman residence. He ran across the street and found her lying face down with the car's right rear tire on top of her leg. He could see that she was bleeding and had sustained some type of head injury.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, Tyler called out to you for help and you immediately responded. Once you arrived to provide assistance, Tyler called 9-1-1 and decided to try and physically pull the car forward just enough to free her leg. You pushed on the rear of the car holding it in place, as Tyler reached inside and shifted the car into park. You and your son stayed with Ms. Coleman, trying to stop the bleeding and keep her calm until paramedics arrived and transported her to the hospital.

Fortunately, Ms. Coleman suffered no serious or long-term injuries, however, the situation might have ended much differently had it not been for the calm, immediate attention and the use of sound judgment in the face of an emergency. It is with great appreciation and thanks that we honor you here today with this Citizen Commendation.

Sincerely,

Kevin Paletta
Chief of Police



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