

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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Making a Difference

How many more?



In addition to the 2007 **Mom's Choice Award** for Best Children's Picture Book that we told you about here on October 14, we are pleased and, yes! very proud to announce that we have received two more honors.

"Have You Filled a Bucket Today A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids"

is also considered 2007's Best Children's Picture Book by **Writer's Digest** and the **DIY Book Festival**.

It's been a wonder-full year!

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Bucket Nuggets from Carol McCloud, The Bucket Lady

On heroes and a hose

You may have heard about it on the radio or seen it in the newspapers.

A scenario all too commonplace these days; a high-speed chase that could have resulted in tragedy for the pursuing officer.

My brother, Mike Walsh, who lives in Wixom was sleeping soundly in the early morning hours of Thursday, November 15, when the sound of sirens, followed by loud crash woke him. Grabbing his robe and cell phone, he ran downstairs to a nightmare scene in front of his house: a deputy from the Oakland County Sheriff's department trapped inside his terribly mangled, burning vehicle. Mike ran to the garden hose he had meant to put away for the winter and sprinted to the scene where he joined officers Adam Ward, Ron Soncrainte and Chad Abbuhl as they emptied two fire extinguishers. Their combined efforts saved the life of a 33-year-old deputy who was pinned in the wreckage for more than an hour.



Undersheriff Michael McCabe told the press that, "If it wasn't for the garden hose, we'd be talking about a funeral right now."

First responders automatically wear the mantle of heroes; it's considered part of their job. Then there are the quiet heroes, who see something they can do to help and plunge right in and get it done. Mike said he did what he had to do and doesn't consider himself a hero.

Spoken like a *true* hero.

I could end on a proud note without mentioning what this newsletter is all about—bucketfilling. How many buckets were filled as a result of Mike's actions? The seriously injured officer's, of course. His bucket was literally filled with a life yet to be lived. His wife's bucket and those of his family. My brother Mike's bucket, knowing he played a major role in saving a life. My bucket was filled along with everyone's in our large family.

And what about the reason for the crash; the man just four years younger than the injured officer who is facing 10 years in prison?

If someone had started filling his bucket when he was a little child and continued to keep it full all through his young life, perhaps there would have been one less crash in the night.



This week's winners

Congratulations!

Dawn Renee McMurray, an instructional assistant in Eugene, Oregon is our Bucket Filler of the Week. Congratulations, Dawn! You have a book coming your way.

Every bucket filler is a winner! Encourage your friends to get their buckets filled every week by signing on for our newsletter at

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Quote of the Week

"A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men."

—Thomas Carlyle