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LIFE SAVING TRAINING

AM I A FIREMAN YET??



A mother stared down at her 6-year-old son, who was dying of terminal leukemia. Although her heart was filled with sadness, she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up & fulfill all his dreams. She took her son's hand and asked, "Billy did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up?" "Mommy, I always wanted to be a fireman." Mom smiled back and said, "Let's see if we can make your wish come true."

Later that day she went to her local fire Department where she met Fireman Bob and she explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her son a ride around the block on a fire engine. Fireman Bob said, "Look, we'll make him an honorary Fireman for the whole day. And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform for him, with a real fire hat - not a toy - one-with the emblem on it." Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck. Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station. He was in heaven. Billy got to go out on three calls. Having his dream come true, with all the love and attention that was lavished upon him, that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible.

One night all of Billy's vital signs began to drop dramatically and the head nurse began to call the family members to the hospital. Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a Fireman, so she called the Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition. The chief replied, "We can do better than that. When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system that there is not a fire but it's the department coming to see one of its finest members one more time?"

A truck arrived and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window and 16 fire fighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room. They hugged him and held him and told him how much they LOVED him. With His dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, "Chief, am I really a fireman now?" "Billy, you are, and The Head Chief, Jesus, is holding your hand," the Chief said with those words, Billy smiled and said, "I know, He's been holding my hand all day and the angels have been singing." He closed his eyes one last time.

Uplifting stories are the best gifts we receive. There is no cost, but a lot of rewards. Please uplift one another by communicating with them and your loved ones!

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