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PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, February 28, at 9:00 a.m., a special ceremony was held at the Boyden-Hull Elementary School in Boyden, IA. The ceremony recognized one of their students, Teresa Alvarado, age 12, from Hull, IA. Alvarado was honored for a courageous act that helped save her mother's life.

On December 13, 2013 at 7:27 a.m., while at their residence in Hull, Teresa's mother, Crystal Uvieta, was having trouble breathing; she soon collapsed and became unresponsive. Teresa, although obviously upset, was able to call 911 and provide necessary information to the dispatcher and later to responding medical personnel. These acts of courage by Teresa likely saved the life of her mother.

Teresa was presented with certificates of recognition from Sioux County Sheriff Dan Altena and Iowa State Representative Dwayne Alons.

Others in attendance at the ceremony were Crystal Uvieta and her two sons, Damian Miller and Miguel Alvarado; Boyden-Hull Superintendent Steve Grond, Elementary Principal Tom Kerr, Lisa Rensink, the Boyden-Hull At Risk/Social worker and Kate Franken, (a Hull EMT, who responded to Mrs. Uvieta's residence on the morning of the incident).

Deputy Pollema said, "This was a special day at Boyden-Hull Elementary; it's great for Teresa to be recognized in front of her peers. She deserved this, for helping her mother the way she did."



Sheriff Altena presents Certificate to Teresa Alvarado



Representative Alons presents Certificate to Alvarado



Teresa Alvarado and Mother, Crystal Uvieta



L-R: Alons, Altena, Kate Franken (EMT), Alvarado, Uvieta, (her sons Damian and Miguel), Pollema