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Norfolk County Sheriff Recognizes Foxborough Middle Schooler Adam Taj as Norfolk County Hero

FOXBOROUGH, MA – In a surprise ceremony at Foxborough Regional Charter Middle School this morning, Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott presented middle school student Adam Taj with the Norfolk County Hero Award, in recognition of his wide-ranging service to his neighbors and his community.

"When we created the Norfolk County Hero Award, we did so hoping to be able to recognize the kinds of residents who don't hesitate to help out others in need," said Sheriff McDermott. "Adam is exactly that kind of person, always looking for opportunities to make life better for those who need assistance. It would be admirable to see this kind of spirit in any person, but in someone Adam's age, it's simply inspiring."

During this winter's storms, Taj garnered local attention for asking his mother to stop so he could help shovel out a woman whose car had been snowed in her driveway. Realizing that they lacked a shovel, he asked his mother to let him use his own money to purchase a shovel, which he used to help free his neighbor's car.

This generous act was also part of a much larger pattern of good works that Taj has become known for in his community. Whether by volunteering to help students with autism at his school or helping to clean up his neighborhood, Taj has developed a reputation as someone who simply wants to help anyone who needs it.

"I just want to say to everyone that you can help anyone, your neighbors, your friends, and strangers," said Taj. "Help in any way you can and remember if you do things in your life, whether good or bad, it will come back to you. So always do your best."

Sheriff McDermott presented Taj with the award during his morning "Ready, Set, Go" class, with his classmates, family, and school administrators present. Taj received a plaque and will also be honored at an upcoming ceremony hosted by the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office.

The Norfolk County Heroes Award was created to recognize acts of heroism, community building, and public service by residents of Norfolk County. To nominate someone for the Norfolk County Heroes Award, visit https://www.norfolksheriff.com/norfolkcountyheroes.

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