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ANDERSON SECURITY AGENCY ANNOUNCES 10-YEAR-OLD FROM CHANDLER AS THIS YEAR'S CHILD SUPERHERO

Austin Crutcher to Receive 12th Annual H.P. Anderson, Sr., Citizenship Award and \$5,000 Prize on December 17th at 1:00p.m for his Heroic Act

PHOENIX, Ariz. (December 13, 2010)—Anderson Security Agency (www.andersonsecurity.com) has selected 10-year-old Austin Crutcher as the 12th Annual H.P. Anderson, Sr., Citizenship Award recipient. Austin was selected for his bravery in helping his father, Todd Crutcher, who last Christmas Eve broke his jaw. Through Austin's heroic effort, when seconds mattered most, he was air lifted to Chandler Regional Hospital before being sent to Barrow's St. Joseph's Hospital where they discovered a bleed on his brain—the cause of the seizure that led Todd to break his jaw. **Austin will be presented with the 12th annual H.P. Anderson, Sr. Citizenship Award and a \$5,000 cash prize at Anderson Securities headquarters at 2555 W. Morningside Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85023 at 1:00p.m.**

"On December 24th [2009] Austin saved his daddy's life. For a boy of 10, he acted with more grace, dignity, calmness and intelligence than many adults would have acted if placed in the same situation. He emotionally protected his younger brothers by staying calm, with his 'everything is going to be all right' attitude," said Nancy J. Cork, Austin's Nana.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve 2009, Todd was locked in his home office wrapping Christmas presents while his wife and Austin's mom, Kim Crutcher, was running errands before work. Looking for his father, Austin began to knock on the door but did not receive a response. After hearing a terrible thud coming from the room, Austin repeatedly called for his father but only heard silence. Sensing danger Austin took action and unlocked the door. He found his father lying on the floor, mumbling, unable to speak with his mouth open and bleeding. Austin immediately called his mother Kim, who instructed Austin to hang up and call 911.

The ambulance shortly arrived and as they were lifting the stretcher carrying Todd, he had a seizure. After eventually being air lifted to Barrow's St. Joseph's Hospital Todd began to experience pulmonary and kidney failure before entering brain surgery for the bleed on his brain. With only a 30 percent chance of living, the Krutcher family experienced a miracle as Todd is now doing amazing.

Austin was not only brave by facing a terrifying situation head on and getting the help his father needed, but continued to show courage by being brave for his brothers. As his father faced a long and difficult recovery, Austin kept faith and hope alive by acting strong for his two younger brothers who were worried for their father.

"Austin showed such a mature understanding of what had happened. He did such a great job of helping to keep his brothers entertained as we waited for word on how dad was doing," said Karianna Blanchard, early childhood director at Arizona Community Church and friend of the Krutcher family. "The weeks that followed, Austin continued to be grown up beyond his years, as the boys were shuffled from one friend's house to another so mom could be with dad in the hospital."

“Austin is a true superhero and his tale of bravery serves as an inspiration to people across the Valley. He not only showed bravery and courage by saving his father’s life, but kept a positive and strong attitude for his two brothers,” said Kimberly Anderson-Matich, founder and president of Anderson Securities Agency. “He joins the ranks of other child heroes who have demonstrated courage beyond their years, and we look forward to honoring him and his family at this year’s ceremony.”

Media passes are available to attend the event on December 17th at Anderson Securities Agency’s Headquarters in North Phoenix by calling Daniel Moran at PRfect Media at 480.706.6880 x122 or by e-mail at dmoran@prfectmeida.com.

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