



## Quick Facts

**Hero:**

Donna Brehm,  
School Custodian

**Age:**

Adult

**Saved:**

Luis, Student

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**-Donna**

**EVERYDAY HERO STORIES:**

# School Custodian Becomes Lunchroom Hero

Brayden Robinson was eating lunch when out of corner of his eye, he noticed his friend Luis was in distress. Luis was making the choking sign.



Brayden Robinson tells of how he ran for help when Luis began choking.

He responded quickly by telling the school custodian Donna Brehm, that his friend was choking. After quickly escorting Miss Donna to Luis, she began to perform the Heimlich Maneuver. At first she tried three or four thrusts before setting him down. When she saw that Luis was still choking, she repeated the abdomen thrusts and the chip was dislodged from his throat.



Luis (right) and Donna (left)

Luis was taken to the ER minutes later when the EMT's arrived. He is now regarded as a hero by his classmates for surviving a choking incident.

"I am so thankful that this young boy, Brayden, gave me the opportunity to come over and rescue this little boy," said Brehm. "I'm real proud of him. I'm real proud of myself. I would do it over again and over and over."

This story serves as a poignant reminder that choking is a very real danger that can strike at anytime to anyone. Statistics show that Emergency Rooms treat 12,000 children ages 14 and under every year for choking related incidents. At least one child dies of choking on food every five days in the United States.