



Quick Facts

Hero:

Stephany McClellan
Nurse

Glen Shafer
Paraprofessional

Age:

Adult

Saved:

Keegan Dalton,
Student

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Heroic Duo to the Rescue!

At Maize South Elementary School in Maize, Kansas, Nurse Stephany McClellan and paraprofessional Glen Shafer proved to be quite the heroic duo when they jumped to action after seeing fourth-grader Keegan Dalton was in trouble.

"I laughed because something was really funny," Keegan remembers. "I had a chicken nugget in my mouth. I inhaled. As I did that, it went down, and I wasn't able to breathe."

"We've had kids choke before but generally they're able to cough it up pretty quickly on their own. This one, it seemed like the more he tried to get it up the further down it lodged," said Stephany McClellan, the School nurse that responded to the emergency first. She began performing the Heimlich Maneuver, but after several attempts were unsuccessful she needed help. Glen Shafer, a paraprofessional at the school, stepped in and took over.

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Kristina Dalton, Keegan's mother happened to be working as a substitute teacher that day and witnessed the terrifying three minutes. Finally, Shafer was able to remove the food.

"It's tough to talk about. It's tough to hear about it," admits Kristina.

Thankfully, Keegan had two heroes in his midst.



Stephany McClellan (left),
Keegan Dalton (center)
and Glen Shafer (right)