

Genny Humphrey's Letter about VEYC Nurse Tina Cooper

I just read this Newsletter and it was very upsetting to me personally because Nurse Tina Cooper may have saved my Grand-Daughter's life while we visited the Camp in June, to take some action pictures of the " Girls Week" for Bedford Elks Lodge 2844. My 9 year old, Hannah and her little sister wanted to ride with me this particular morning, especially to check things out so Hannah could attend next year. She however, has asthma and after our arrival and a walk to Cow Pasture River and back, she tugged on my sleeve and couldn't speak. She lost all color and I yelled for a counselor to call 911. I prayed as I walked her slowly to my car. Her mother had sent her breathing machine along and it was in the trunk. Tina came out waving for me to come her way. I gave Hannah two puffs of my own quick acting inhaler. Her color returned for just a moment. Tina set up the machine and proceeded in a very calm manner to assure both of us things would be ok. I left her with Tina to go outside to cry for even though I have asthma and am a retired Nurse, I knew we were in trouble and a good ways from a hospital. Tina shared she had Asthma too. As I stepped back inside, Tina was asking Hannah about school and all was well. I shall never forget her help, professionalism and kindness.

Later I took her a card and a small gift for being at the right place at the right time. I only wish and hope someone repaid her kindness forward when she needed help. She was a hero in our eyes. She will be missed but never forgotten.

I want her family to know how we feel and our Secretary Michael Haynes is getting an address for me.

Sincerely,
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Below is the section of the VEYC Newsletter Genny is referring to:

Virginia Elks Youth Camp
December Newsletter
By Jay Bonnell, President

First let me start with extending condolences from the entire VEYC family to the family of Tina Shelton Cooper. Tina was our nurse this past summer at the camp. Camp Director Susie Keller informed me at the end of October that Tina was getting gas when she had a severe asthma attack. They took her to the hospital, but there was nothing they could do. Please keep her family in your prayers.