



Gaithersburg

**City of Gaithersburg CHARACTER COUNTS! Program
Adult Heroes in OUR Community Essay Contest Winner 2015**

My Hero

Hi. My name is Kayla Marie Thomas Briones and I'm in 5th grade at Goshen Elementary School. My hero is Ms. Carolyn, my daycare provider. Ms. Carolyn is important because she is always there for me and my family. I have known her for my whole life and I love her so much. Ms. Carolyn is a lot of things to me, but the ones that really stand out are her trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Ms. Carolyn is trustworthy because I can always trust her with everything. Ms. Carolyn is respectful because she cares about people, especially kids because she works with them all of the time. Ms. Carolyn is responsible because she takes care of kids all day. When she is on the job, that is her only responsibility and she takes it seriously; to take care of kids like me. Ms. Carolyn is fair because she treats everyone the same at her daycare, and to her everyone is special. Ms. Carolyn is caring because she adopted kids that aren't hers and took care of them. She is caring because she has been doing daycare for a long time and she is still doing it to care for kids that need extra love. Ms. Carolyn shows citizenship by obeying the law and caring for other people. She also protects the environment by recycling and much more. Ms. Carolyn inspires me by showing me how to be the best person I can be.

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