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## Fulton boy honored for bravery

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Ceremonies on his behalf are becoming a regular occurrence for Mark Aldasch Jr. The 12-year-old says people even recognize him on the street.



"They say, 'Hey aren't you that kid that saved the little girl?' And I say, 'Yeah,'" said Mark Aldasch, Jr.

In July, Mark rescued a seven-year-old girl from an attacking dog. He walked away with a bite on his arm. But many believe had he not wrestled the dog from the girl, she would have suffered serious injuries or died.

"He did something very brave that many adults wouldn't have done," said Mark Aldasch Sr., the young hero's father. "And that says a lot. Him being honored here today is a great thing. It makes me proud as a parent."



The Naval Sea Cadets' Charles Crisafulli division gave Aldasch with an award equivalent to the medal of honor. Aldasch is a member of the Cadet's military youth program that began in Oswego four years ago.

"What I'd like to see from the airing of Mark's bravery is that it shows that the program is working," said Lt. J.G. Daniel Whaley of the military youth program. "Mark's actions have proven to the unit and community that the program is sufficient backing for the youth."



Throughout the day, Aldasch was called a hero. What's his definition?

"A person who is honored for something that they did to save someone," said Aldasch.

The perfect definition of this young cadet.