First Place

**Sofia Russell-Pimentel, 2\textsuperscript{nd} grade, Frost Elementary School, Mesa**

Even though my cousin Patrick lives in Germany I still get to see in my heart. He is in Iraq fighting in the war for our country. He drives the cranes. He taught me a lesson that is important about citizenship and friendship. Clearly he is a good person. Most of all I think he is a brave person.
Second Place

**Genesis Villegas, 2nd grade, Pueblo del Sol, Sierra Vista**

My dad, my hero

My dad helps the community center. He helps me with my homework. Every time I feel bad about something he gives me hugs and kisses. He's my hero! My dad, when ever I get 100% he say’s keep up the good work! The way he makes me to be a better person is to help the community center too! The way hes so sweet is he care for people with injure. My dad is braver than any other hole intire dad in the world! He always protects me when Im in danger. He works in the Busby and Sierra Vista police stacoin. Hes the nicest sweetest most kindful dad in the world! Hes also the smartest dad in the hole universe. Every time I’m hurt he tells me “go and wash it off, and I’ll find a bandade for you.” OK I said. The way hes spaicale to me is that he realy tells me what to do when where in danger. Hes my most caring loving most fathful hero in the world! When he went to College he studede in the library for 8 hours! Even he read for 10 hours! He met my mom there, her hair was realy curly! My dad walked her to her class all of the time, they became friend. Got married and theyhad me! My dad is very very spacaile to me!
Third Place

**Ronnie Valenzuela, 2nd grade, Pueblo del Sol, Sierra Vista**

My Hero

My cousin Scott is a fireman. I think he is in the California fire. I hope he will not die. He is 21 years old. We play lotts of video games together when he didn’t have a job. When people are trapped in a fire, my cousin goes into rescue them. Sometime they can’t go in the houses because it could be very bad. It could get into There mask. The air tank holds 40 minots to stay in the fire and if they waits the 40 minots they will die. If they waon’t die and when some body dies the people will cry and the little kids be sad. When I grow up I want to be a fireman I want to be a better kid because of Scott.