About new things can give kids new interests. Six years later, Cameron is still giving away books.

Many of the books he gives away were given to him by others, but Cameron’s grandmother also shops for books that don’t cost a lot. She buys books that are new or that look new. In addition to working with schools, Cameron and his grandmother give books to children in places near their home, such as hospitals, libraries, and day camps.

Cameron wants to keep his program going and growing. Over the past six years, he has given away more than 3,000 books. He has also won many prizes for his work. His program has grown over the years, too. Last Christmas, Cameron was even able to give away toys and books.

Cameron Payne is making a difference in kids’ lives by giving away the things he loves: books.

Who needs help in your community? How might you help?
A Hero Who Gives Things Away

Cameron Payne started giving books away when a family lost everything in a house fire. He couldn’t replace everything they had lost, but he could do something. What can you do to make your community—and the world—a better place? Can you organize some of your friends and clean up some part of your neighborhood? Can you be a “big buddy” and read to or spend time with a younger child? Can you help older people in your neighborhood by walking a dog or doing some chores the people cannot do? Imagine what you would like to do, and then write the article that might appear in the newspaper about what you did to be a hero.
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