

Safety and Heroism



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As a nurse supervisor at Tabor Correctional Institution in Tabor City, Cherletta Scott manages the facility's medical department, overseeing the medical care of around 1,380 offenders. In her work, Scott has honed her skills as a fast-thinking, quick-acting responder and problem solver, a skill set that allowed her to save the life of a child in her neighborhood on October 25, 2022.

While relaxing at home on an otherwise typical Wednesday, a neighbor alerted Scott that their 8-year-old son had sustained an accidental gunshot wound to the leg. The discharge of a 20-gauge shotgun occurred at close range and left a significant wound in the child's upper thigh. Without hesitation, Scott jumped into action, using her medical training to administer critical, life-saving assistance as the family waited for emergency services to arrive. Scott applied pressure to the young boy's wound, helping him and his family remain calm as they awaited hospital transport. In doing so, Scott likely prevented the loss of a limb, or worse, the boy's life. The young neighbor recovered remarkably well and is back playing with his family and friends as usual.

Cherletta Scott's actions demonstrate an impressive sense of level-headedness and compassion. While her dedication to the care of the offenders at Tabor Correctional Institution is commendable, her instinctive response to apply her professional expertise outside of the workplace to care for a neighbor's child in need exemplifies her commitment to service. The State of North Carolina recognizes Scott for her selfless heroism and compassionate response in the face of a crisis.

