

Milwaukee County Transit System: MCTS driver honored by Milwaukee Bucks

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Milwaukee, WI – MCTS bus driver Karen Martinez-Casper is getting some much-deserved attention from the Milwaukee Bucks. The Bucks are recognizing Karen before their game tomorrow for her alert reaction and maternal instincts that helped save a 5-year-old boy from a very scary situation.

Karen was driving on the Route 80 on a cold October morning when she saw a little boy standing outside all alone. Karen pulled over to make sure he was ok. Karen got out of the bus to talk to the boy and that is when she noticed he was not wearing any shoes or socks. Karen took the shivering boy onto her bus to warm up and call for help.

The video of Karen's heartwarming encounter has received local, national and international attention, and her story of kindness has been viewed on social media millions of times. Karen's actions were the fifth time in a year that an MCTS driver found a lost or missing child.

The Bucks heard about Karen's story of MCTS Excellence and will highlight her actions during their home game against the Orlando Magic on Wednesday, January 10th.

"Milwaukee County is lucky to have Karen and so many incredible public servants helping people every single day," said County Executive Chris Abele. "Thank you to

Karen for representing MCTS and Milwaukee County so well, and thank you to the Bucks for being such a wonderful partner and member of the community.”

Karen was also recently recognized by County Executive Abele and Milwaukee Alderman Cavalier “Chevy” Johnson for showing MCTS Excellence.