

Strawberry Town News

“Jeffery Magee & Homeless” By Brittany K.

Have you ever heard or met someone that is homeless? Well, I know someone that's homeless. His name is Jeffery Lionel Magee.

Jeffery's parent's died in a trolley wreck when he was only three years old. He was sent to his aunt and uncle's house.

Jeffery's aunt and uncle never talked to each other. One of them would be with Jeffery one week, the other would take him the next week.

See what happened to him? Well, you haven't heard the worst yet.

Jeffery got so sick of his aunt and uncle not talking to each other at

his chorus recital, he screamed. He ran out of building and kept running. He never came back.

He kept running, but only stopped to find some food or rest. He sometimes had a house to sleep in or sometimes he didn't.

Maniac stayed with a family named the Beales. They cared for him like a son. The Beale's children enjoyed having another member of the family to share laughter with, but after awhile Maniac felt like he was causing trouble. He ran away again. The Beales missed him dearly.

Maniac soon lived with somebody else, His name was Earl Grayson. Grayson and Maniac were very good friends. They laughed and spent time together. They were as happy as a mouse eating a huge block of cheese on it's birthday. Grayson soon died.

Maniac felt awful, so he ran away again.

39% of homeless people are children, like Jeffery. To help the homeless I want to give money to the Red Cross and give lots of food to the food pantry, especially during the holidays.

The Red Cross money could help people get out of the street and start a new life. For example, Jeffery slept in miscellaneous places like at a zoo in a buffalo pen.

The food would help people have a happy holiday. The food could make their day with something to eat. Maniac sometimes didn't have anything to eat, when he would have loved some soup or a can of corn.

We should help the homeless and the hungry people to have a better life. We can help people like Jeffery Magee through hard times if we give money, food or a warm smile.

Happy Holidays!

