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The Goodness of America

Free Lemonade

Eight-year-old Wyatt Dennis of Piedmont, South Dakota, raised more than \$30,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital this year by offering lemonade to hundreds of bikers during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in the Black Hills, which took place August 6-15 this year.

What's more amazing is that Wyatt's lemonade stand offers lemonade for free, only taking donations.

Wyatt came up with the idea of starting his lemonade stand when he and his mother, Robin, first noticed bikes passing by the home they were about to purchase, the *Epoch Times* reported.

"We decided to do it for free because we wanted to teach him that when you work hard, you can get whatever your goal is," Robin said. "And in this case, it was a Lego."

Last year, he served about 20 gallons of lemonade to the entire rally and raised enough money to purchase his Lego set as well as donate approximately \$200 to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Wyatt told the *Epoch Times* that he chose that specific hospital because he "wants to help some kids out. I want to help a charity with kids."

Wyatt and his parents decided to set up the lemonade stand this year as well, assuming they would need approximately the same amount of lemonade and hoping to raise a similar amount of money. They never expected the success this year's stand would have.

This year, Wyatt sold 20 gallons of lemonade in the first hour, and made about \$700 on the first day. And with the help of a biker named Tracy who frequented the stand daily and became inspired by Wyatt, the popularity of the lemonade stand grew exponentially.

Tracy posted about the lemonade stand to one of the rally's websites, and Wyatt's parents began to get text messages about the lemonade.

"We had no idea what [was] happening. We kind of had a freakout moment because we definitely did not have enough lemonade," Robin said.

As the rally continued, thousands of people visited the stand. And when word got out that Wyatt was raising money for St. Jude, local businesses came forward with their own donations. These included radio station Eagle Country 95.9/96.3, Wheel City Auto Finance Centers, Rushmore Athletics, and Denver MedVed Autoplex, according to a Facebook post by Robin.

Wyatt's stand raised so much money that he decided to allocate 50 percent of his earnings to St. Jude, 35 percent for his college fund, and 15 percent for a dirt bike. The total donation to St. Jude amounted to \$31,394.

Robin is proud of what her son managed to accomplish. She said she had hoped that the stand would teach Wyatt about saving, spending, and giving, but never imagined it would do so to this degree.

"It's just really neat to see the biker community come together and see how generous they are," Robin said.

And beyond the incredible amount of money raised, Wyatt's stand offered him an extraordinary opportunity to interact with people from all over the country and the world. Wyatt kept records of those



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who visited his stand, noting that he met bikers from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and England. Even South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem stopped by the lemonade stand and snapped a photo with Wyatt and his family.

"It's just fun to see your kid interacting with people," Robin said, describing the experience as heartwarming.

Guy in the Graveyard

Vince Nestico of Michigan has made it his mission to restore grime-covered gravestones in Michigan cemeteries.

Nestico was motivated by a friend who had restored headstones for years, he told the *Epoch Times* in August. He learned about the process from his friend and began doing it himself.

The process involves clean water and a biological cleaner that is also approved by the U.S. government for use on historical monuments, he explained.

"I remove the lichens and soil from the stone with gentle brushes," he elaborated.

Now he frequents cemeteries throughout the state once or twice a week.

"I don't go in with a specific grave in mind. I let nature draw me to where I'm needed," he told the *Epoch Times*.

What's more, once the grave is cleaned, Nestico makes it a point to learn the history of the person whose grave he restored. This includes searching for the individual on genealogy sites and even in museum records, as he volunteers as a museum curator in his spare time as well.

Nestico shares his efforts on TikTok, and has developed a large following who have been responding to his kindness with warm wishes and admiration. Each video he shares pays reverence to the deceased individual whose grave was restored. The videos include a brief snapshot of the restoration process, and usually include the name and sometimes even a photograph of the deceased.

"Every person has a story, whether it be tragedy, triumph, or anything in between," Vince said. "With most that I work on being well over 100 years old, the descendants may not even be aware that these graves exist."

Nestico even has a website, *Guy in the Graveyard*, through which he shares videos and stories related to his kind-hearted efforts. His website also provides instructions for other individuals who are interested in following in his footsteps.

His story seems to have already inspired others. One *Epoch Times* reader posted in response to the story: "I love love love this. I visit my husband's grave and notice all the other headstones that have been forgotten. I feel a tug each time to remove all the weeds that cover the stone. Because of your story, I'm going to 'trim the hair' from the head stones that knowingly say no one visits me any more."

A lover of history, Nestico told the *Epoch Times* he feels compelled to pay homage to the people who came before him, and feels he owes something to the predecessors who built this country.

"Each of us only have a short time in this world," he adds. "I feel it is our responsibility to use our time to build upon that foundation and make a greater one for our future descendants."



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