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### The Goodness of America

# **NFL Player Trades Helmet for Dancing Shoes**

Philadelphia Eagles safety Anthony Harris made a young Texas girl's wish come true by taking her to her school's daddy-daughter dance.

Eleven-year-old Audrey Soape lost both her father and grandfather last year, Fox News reported, which was devastating for the young girl, as she was close to both men. And as the January daddy-daughter dance approached, Soape realized that without the two most important men in her life, she had no one to take her to the dance. That's when her mother reached out on social media to see if Audrey's favorite football player, the Eagles' Harris, would consider taking her.

"I told him about the situation, and surprisingly he was more than willing to do it," Holly Soape told *Fox & Friends* February 4. "It happened really fast. He said yes probably about a week before, so it was kind of a whirlwind."

Not only did Harris accept, but he also paid for Audrey's dress, shoes, hair, and makeup, according to a Facebook post by Holly after the event. The post included photos of Audrey and Harris dancing and having a good time.

Audrey recalled to *Fox & Friends'* co-host Ainsley Earhart that she was "very nervous" to meet Harris, but that he quickly broke the tension by talking to her and making her comfortable.

Audrey said Harris' dance moves were "very good," and Holly said Audrey had a great night.

In her January 28 Facebook post, Holly extended her deepest gratitude to Harris for what he did for her daughter.

"I'm so grateful to have people surrounding me who step up and love us through the difficult valleys we've walked through," she wrote. "God showed up big and brought people into our lives that have lifted us up and walked along side us."

## **Citizens Turn Fire Rescuers**

A Mississippi woman is being praised for her heroic efforts to save two elderly women from a house fire in Vicksburg on February 4, <u>Breitbart.com</u> reported.

When Ceola Parker first noticed the fire on Friday morning, she called 911 and was prepared to wait for the fire department to arrive and handle the fire. But when she learned that there were two elderly women in the house, she acted.

"I ran over there. I heard the first old lady screaming. I got her out of the house and got her down the steps," she recounted. "There was another old lady; she was in the fire in the doorway. I was trying to get her. I got her and got her to the step way."

It was then that Officer Tommy Curtis arrived, and he helped Parker get the second woman out of the building to safety.

The *Vicksburg Post* reported that the second woman had recently suffered a massive stroke and suffered from Alzheimer's. Fortunately, neither woman was injured in the blaze, thanks to Parker's brave efforts.





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"The good Samaritan was something that was needed," Vicksburg Fire Chief Craig Danczyk told the *Post*. "She helped them get out of harm's way."

After the rescue, Parker was hit with the full realization of what had happened and could not stop her tears.

"I was scared, but the grace of God — I keep God first in everything that I do.... It was me and the Good Lord that saved them," she tearfully told the Vicksburg Daily News.

In the same week, on January 31, two teens rescued a married couple from a house fire during a snowstorm in Andover, Massachusetts.

<u>Breitbart.com</u> reported that Graham Dalton, 17, was driving home with his 14-year-old brother, Ian, after they had finished shoveling snow for their neighbors, when they noticed flames coming out of a third-story window.

"I pulled alongside the house, and I was like, 'Hey, go knock on their door. Make sure everything is OK,'" Graham recalled, adding that he contacted 911 at the same time.

The couple inside the house, Pat and Fran O'Neil, had no idea their house was on fire, later saying that they were playing Scrabble in their dining room when Ian knocked on their door.

According to Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield, the boys' swift actions likely made an enormous difference, noting a fire could become life-threatening within two minutes.

Not only did the boys save the couple, but they also waited with them to help with cleaning up the property after the fire was put out, Breitbart reported.

## **Boy Gifted Guitar After Eight Months**

Fallon is a teen who visited J.B. Hart Music Co. in Grand Junction, Colorado, often to play music on the store's special guitar. Thanks to the kindness of a stranger, that guitar now belongs to Fallon.

<u>GoodNewsNetwork.org</u> reported that Fallon, who has Williams syndrome, loves music and knows a lot about it. His dream was to have his very own quitar.

He would often stop at J.B. Hart Music Co. to play "the Pantera guitar," which refers to a model popularized by the deceased guitarist of the heavy-metal band Pantera, Dean "Dimebag" Darrell.

Approximately eight months ago, during one of Fallon's play sessions with the \$800 Dean "Dimebag" Darrell ML Guitar, a customer in the store at the time took notice. He was so moved by the boy's love for the guitar and his talent that he returned later and anonymously purchased the guitar. He asked the owners to be sure to gift it to Fallon the next time the teen came in.

But Fallon and his family moved to Texas shortly after that fateful play session, and he did not return to the store for eight months.

But, by the grace of God, Fallon and his family came back to Colorado over the holidays and popped into the store for a visit. Fallon was shocked when he learned that the guitar had been purchased for him.

J.B. Hart Music Co. posted photos on Facebook of Fallon and his guitar on December 31.



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