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The Goodness of America

State Trooper and Friend

Bailey Allen of Newark, Delaware, celebrated her fifth birthday with one of her favorite people: State Trooper Lieutenant Robert Jones.

Allen met Jones and other officers during a high-school basketball game in 2019, according to ABC 6, and struck up a friendship with them.

“Her eyes just lit up when she met them, and their eyes lit up. She walked over to them, and they just had a conversation and from there [they became] friends,” recalled her mother, Dione Allen.

Jones has come to value the little girl so much that he helped to plan her fifth birthday party, which took place at the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Criminal Investigative Unit. With 15 children in attendance, the April 21 party included police motorcycles and mounted patrol. Surrounded by her state trooper friends, Bailey blew out her candles and shared that she hopes to work in law enforcement when she grows up.

Jones, who will be retiring soon, said he intends to continue to celebrate Bailey’s birthdays alongside her.

“We’re part of the community, and that’s why it’s important we’re all part of one big family, so it’s important we make a difference in people’s lives,” he commented.

Anonymous Donors

According to the *Tampa Bay Times*, Florida property owners have witnessed double-digit increases in their insurance premiums, prompting multiple businesses to either suspend their work or go out of business in recent years.

WFLA featured an April 4 story about panicked homeowners in Florida who were struggling with the rising costs. The story highlighted the plight of Lonnie Brown of Valrico, who said he was unsure he could afford his property insurance, which jumped by \$2,000.

“I can’t afford this,” Brown said. “We barely get by with bills anyway and this comes up. We do not have the money to do that.”

A March 24 WFLA story drew attention to Tad Buel, who has been receiving disability since 2004. Buel said his stomach was in knots when he saw the increased insurance rates.

But that WFLA story prompted two good Samaritans to come forward and sign checks to cover Brown’s and Buel’s increases for the year, Breitbart News reported.

Brown was so moved by the gesture that he told WFLA that he was “trying to maintain my composure.”

Buel was shocked when he received a check sent to WFLA to cover his costs.

“I am without words,” he said. “This dropping on my lap is overwhelming.”

Bravery Exemplified

A Colorado deputy sheriff put himself in harm’s way by using his vehicle to stop a wrong-way driver on



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a highway in this incredible story out of Adams County.

According to the Adams County Sheriff's Office, a vehicle was driving the wrong way on I-70 until the deputy allowed his police vehicle to be hit by the wrong-way driver to save others. The impact pushed both vehicles more than 140 feet and into the front of a semi-truck stopped at the scene, WVLT reported. Miraculously, the deputy and the driver were relatively unharmed.

"There is no doubt that without the deputy's quick action and bravery, several vehicles would have been struck at high speeds and lives would have been lost," the sheriff's office posted on Facebook.

The post was shared more than 1,000 times, earning more than 3,000 likes and more than 450 comments, most of which included words of appreciation for the deputy's brave actions.

Donate, Then Dominate

Steve Wilson of Westchester, New York, wanted to prove that organ donation was not only an invaluable sacrifice but also one that would not impair the donor from engaging in adventure, so he donated his kidney to a stranger and then embarked on climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

Wilson was preparing for a bike ride in 2019 when he read a social-media post about his friend's daughter, a high-school junior who received a life-saving kidney donation from a stranger.

"I became emotional. I just thought that is the coolest thing," said Wilson. "I took a long bike ride thinking that feeling would go away, and I kept thinking, 'I would love to do something like that one day.'"

Wilson eventually fulfilled his desire to donate his kidney. He has no idea who received it and likely never will, he told CBS News, but he was just happy to change somebody's life.

Wilson was hopeful that his story would inspire others to do something similar, and, with the intent to prove that organ donation is not too burdensome, he teamed up with fellow living donors to embark on summiting Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

"I think a lot more than one person will consider donating a kidney," he said. "Because so many people aren't aware that you can actually donate a kidney, that you only need one to live. Many people are born with one, and most people probably don't even know that."

Wilson wanted to prove that kidney donation takes just two weeks of your life for the operation and recovery, leaving plenty of time to go back to setting even more difficult personal goals and reaching them.

CBS News reported that the team reached the summit on March 10, World Kidney Day.

Wilson reported that his donation inspired at least one friend to consider becoming a living donor, and he also learned that his donation inspired a chain reaction of giving. The person who was originally going to donate a kidney to Wilson's recipient proved to be incompatible, but decided to donate to somebody else. That started a chain in which three people received kidneys, according to Wilson.

Proving his point, he emphasized that the chain reaction of giving resulted in life-saving surgery for three people, and nothing more than "a two-week inconvenience for me."



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