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## The Goodness of America

### Books for All

Thanks to eight-year-old Addison “Addie” St. Andre and her lemonade stand, each of the 30 students in her third-grade class will receive one book per month for an entire year from the beloved Scholastic Book Club.

Addison is a student at Cluster Elementary School in Michigan. Her third-grade teacher, John Vergowven, recently posted on Facebook that his students can receive a book each month for \$1 from the Scholastic Book Club program. Typically, Vergowven raises the funds for the books through his family and friends, but this year he asked for extra help from the students’ families.

When Addie and her mother saw Vergowven’s post, Addie’s mother, Courtney Frost, suggested that they donate to help the class reach the goal of \$270, which would cover each student’s \$1 per book per month for the length of the school year.

Inspired by her love of lemonade from her local Monroe County Fair, Addison decided she would set up a lemonade stand to raise the money. [Breitbart.com](#) reported that on her first day of selling lemonade, she raised \$59. On the second day she set up her stand, she raised \$393, far surpassing her initial goal.

Addison gave all of the money she raised to Vergowven. With the money left over from the Scholastic Book program, her teacher will build an in-class library, according to Monroe County Reporters via Facebook.

Frost was proud of her daughter’s hard work, noting that Addie took responsibility for virtually everything — except for cutting up the lemons.

### More Than Just Winning

A touching moment during the August 9 Little League Southwest Regional Finals between Texas East-Pearland and Oklahoma-Tulsa went viral.

During the important game, in which a spot in the Little League World Series was on the line, Tulsa’s Isaiah Jarvis was hit in the head by a wild pitch from Pearland’s Kaiden Shelton. Though the pitch knocked Jarvis to the ground, where he clutched his head for a few moments, he was fortunately uninjured and took his place on first base.

From there, Jarvis noticed the pitcher was distraught by his mistake, so he walked to the pitcher’s mound to offer comfort to Shelton.

“Hey, you’re doing just great,” Jarvis told Shelton in a lengthy embrace before going back to first.

The scene received a standing ovation from the crowd. And when the story went viral, it was applauded as a beautiful example of sportsmanship and humanity.

Shelton later told *Good Morning America* that he was initially worried when he saw Jarvis approaching the mound that Jarvis might “throw a punch or something like that.”

But what happened instead is exactly what Shelton needed in that moment.

“He hugged me and it made me feel a lot better about myself at that moment,” he added, saying that



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Jarvis told him to “just throw strikes and take deep breaths.”

Jarvis told *GMA* he felt compelled to approach Shelton because “We’re all brothers.... Baseball, it’s just a game.”

Pearland went on to win the game and earn a spot in the 2022 Little League World Series.

## **Stranger Lifts Struggling Mom’s Spirits**

Parenting is hard, but with help and support from an empathetic community, it can be a little easier.

Devon Linden, a mom of two in Bentonville, Arkansas, arrived at swim practice with her two children, who were having simultaneous meltdowns, and she was reaching her breaking point.

“I was really honestly near tears just as a mom, trying to keep it together, and get my kids out of there,” Linden said.

It was then that Linden was approached by a kind stranger who offered her a quick word of encouragement and left her with a note in her hands.

When the stranger left, Linden read the kind words: “Your life and purpose is huge. Life is so precious. Every day is a gift so make it count. Enjoy.”

As if the words of encouragement weren’t enough, the stranger had secretly folded a \$100 bill into the note as well.

Linden was moved to tears. She later told 5 News Online that the entire interaction inspired her to want to be as intuitive and kind as the stranger.

Linden also noted that the experience is a great teachable moment for her children. “Something that I want to show my children too is how to give others grace when they’re having a hard time and pass that on,” Linden said.

## **Football Players to the Rescue**

A woman in a major car accident in front of Rome High School in Georgia was rescued by a group of football players at the school who thought nothing of their own safety.

Antwion Carey, Alto Moore, Tyson Brown, Cesar Parker, and Treyvon Adams had just arrived at their school on the morning of August 12 when they witnessed the crash.

They immediately ran to the vehicle and saw a woman reach out to them and ask for help. The car door was smashed, and she was unable to exit the vehicle on her own. Meanwhile, smoke was pouring out of the hood of the car and there appeared to be a major fluid leak. The young men knew they had to act fast.

Using just their strength, they managed to pry the door open and pull the driver to safety. Once they knew she was no longer in danger, they ran to the other vehicle to be sure that the passengers were unharmed. The boys then returned to the shaken woman and offered her comfort while she waited for an ambulance.

The entire ordeal was captured on the school’s video cameras. When the boys’ coach, John Reid, saw what his players did, he was in awe.



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The unnamed woman was taken to the hospital, where she received an X-ray and treatments for some cuts and bruises.



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