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The Goodness of America

Runaway Stroller

When a gust of wind pushed a baby stroller toward a busy street in Hesperia, California, on May 1, a good Samaritan named Ron Nessman sprang into action and saved the child.

The child's great aunt was preparing to place the baby in a car seat in her vehicle when the gusty desert winds blew the stroller toward Bear Valley Road, where cars sped by at 40 miles per hour. The aunt attempted to chase after the stroller, but fell to the ground and struggled to get back on her feet as she helplessly watched the stroller approach the traffic.

Fortunately, Nessman was nearby, standing outside of a car wash after having just finished a job interview, when he witnessed the incident.

"Didn't even have time to think about it, you just react," Nessman said.

Video footage of the scene shows the stroller rolling toward Bear Valley Road when Nessman appears suddenly from the right and dashes toward the stroller in time to stop it before it reached the road.

"And I said, I got it! You know what I mean? I seen her and I felt so bad for the lady you know," Nessman recalled to KHOU 11. "I couldn't imagine. I got nephews and nieces and I couldn't imagine something like that."

Nessman said he hopes the ordeal serves as a reminder to parents to always lock the wheels on a stroller.

Time to Rest

High-school seniors in Callisburg, Texas, raised enough money to help their school's 80-year-old janitor retire, CBS affiliate KXII reported.

When Greyson Thurman, Marti Yousko, and Banner Tidwell learned their elderly janitor was forced to come out of retirement when his rent went up, they decided to launch a GoFundMe campaign on February 15 that raised \$260,000. Incredibly, most of the 8,000 donations came from Callisburg students and staff, according to the students.

All it took was a video of Mr. James cleaning a hallway to pull at the heartstrings of the donors. It was posted on TikTok with text that included a link to the fundraising page.

"This is our 80 y/o janitor who had his rent raised and had to come back to work. Let's help Mr. James out," the post read. "No one his age should have to be cleaning our messes up to continue to live."

Callisburg High School Principal Jason Hooper was so proud of the students for seeing a need and taking action to address it.

According to CBS News, Mr. James' story has become all too common thanks to rising inflation, which has forced approximately 1.5 million retirees back into the workforce.

Mr. James, who wished to stay out of the spotlight, now has enough to return to retirement, according to Hooper.



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“Gifted Program”

Since 2021, barber Vernon Jackson has been using his day off to open his Cincinnati barber shop exclusively for children with special needs for free.

“I was hearing so many horror stories that parents were going through with other barber shops and just the barbers or stylists having no patience with their child,” Jackson told CBS News. “So I figured I would compromise by coming in on my day off so ... there would be no other barbers or stylists in the shop and I could give them the full attention that they need.”

For children with special needs, getting a hair cut can be a fairly traumatic experience because many struggle with new environments, noise, and touch. Having the children come in when the shop is empty has helped them to get comfortable, because it is quieter and Jackson can patiently take the time to work with them.

Jackson has been able to provide this service for free for so long in part thanks to the generosity of others. When he first started promoting his free haircuts for children with special needs, a friend of his had offered to sponsor a haircut. More people reached out to do the same, prompting Jackson to start a GoFundMe to raise money for the haircuts. Because of these generous gifts, Jackson refers to the free haircuts as the “Gifted Program.”

“These are parents that would pay any amount of money just for their child to be able to have an experience like any other person. And at the end of it, I can tell them ‘It’s covered,’” he said.

Parents are even traveling to him from cities all around Ohio, and Jackson is hopeful to extend the service nationally by putting some of the money raised for the Gifted Program toward travel expenses.

Lost Bear

A four-year-old girl in Tazewell, Tennessee, lost a precious bear that contained a recording of her mother’s last heartbeat before she died. The loss prompted a statewide search and a very kind deed from Build-A-Bear, the company through which the girl and her family originally created the precious toy.

Radio station 106.3 WRIL in Tazewell posted on its Facebook page in April that a Build-A-Bear tie-dyed teddy bear had been accidentally donated to the Goodwill in Tazewell. The manager at the Goodwill location, upon learning of the terrible mistake, posted a sign at the store asking whoever purchased the bear to kindly return it so it could be returned to the little girl. Goodwill Knoxville, which oversees the Tazewell store, also posted on its Facebook page in the hopes of reuniting the girl with her bear.

But when it became clear that it was unlikely the lost bear would be found, Build-A-Bear reached out to the family and learned that they still had a recording of the heartbeat. The company found a matching “Rainbow Sparkle Bear” and put the recording into the new bear to create a matching toy.

“Build-A-Bear would like to thank WRIL and Goodwill for their helpful role and while we remain hopeful that the original bear is located, it is our sincere wish that this new teddy bear will provide a bit of comfort for the child and the family at this time,” the company said.

Goodwill Knoxville said in a May 2 Facebook post that the new bear has been united with the family.



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