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## **The Goodness of America**

### **Birthday Wishes Do Come True**

Connecticut toddler Colby loves all trucks, but especially mail trucks — something his mailman, known affectionately as “Mailman Mike,” knew about him. When Colby turned two, Mailman Mike surprised him with a parade of various trucks from the Simsbury community.

The surprise parade was captured on video, which has gone viral with more than 5.4 million views, Breitbart.com reported. Colby’s mom, Jessica Bergman, is seen holding Colby while he watches a line of mail trucks, garbage trucks, a fire truck, and a police cruiser drive by to wish Colby an enthusiastic “Happy Birthday!” When the parade concluded, Mailman Mike presented Colby with a toy ride-on mail truck and a certificate designating him an honorary mailman.

“I am blown away,” Jessica posted on social media. She issued a special thanks to Mailman Mike and all of the others who participated in the parade to celebrate Colby’s birthday. “Thank you for everything you do for residents of Simsbury.”

### **Gifting a Dream**

Police officer Eric Colleran of Hapeville, Georgia, was dispatched on a call from someone who wanted a young boy removed from the area. But instead of encountering a neighborhood nuisance, Colleran found a hard-working and polite child who had good intentions, and he decided to help the boy instead.

When Colleran arrived at the scene, he spoke with the boy, who told him he was hoping to do yard work for neighbors to raise enough money to buy a PlayStation 5, which costs \$500. He was offering his services to pull weeds, mow, and trim hedges in the intense Georgia heat.

Officer Colleran was impressed with the boy’s demeanor and respectful attitude. A fellow video gamer himself, Colleran felt a camaraderie with the young lad and wanted to do something to help him.

Colleran reached out to his friends at the station, and they collectively purchased the PlayStation for the boy, as well as a gift card for a PlayStation membership so he could play online. Video footage posted on the department’s website on July 24 captures the moment Colleran surprised the boy with the gaming console. He was so overwhelmed with emotion that he immediately hugged Colleran.

According to the department, Colleran promised the boy that he would play on the same online team with him.

### **Delivering More Than Just Mail**

An alert and caring Colorado postal worker saved the life of an 89-year-old woman on her route when she noticed the woman’s mail had been piling up uncollected.

Postal worker Seana Green had gotten to know Marilyn Schmidt after delivering her mail for the past five years. Green makes it a habit to engage in friendly banter with the people along her route, and Schmidt is often outside waiting for the mail when Green arrives.

Because of Schmidt’s habit of being outside when Green delivers the mail, it did not take long before Green noticed something was wrong. Schmidt was not outside to receive her mail on Thursday, July 20,



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and by Saturday, mail was seen hanging out of her mailbox.

Green told local station KOAT, "I hollered through the screen and I said, 'Mrs. Schmidt? Mrs. Schmidt? Are you in there? Are you OK?' And I heard her very weak voice ... and it almost sounded like a kitten meowing."

Concerned, Green let herself into Schmidt's home, where she found the older woman on the floor in her kitchen. She immediately called 911, and Schmidt was taken to Mercy Medical Center. Medical personnel believe Schmidt fell on Thursday and had remained in the same position for 48 hours. Though she did not suffer any major injuries, she had begun to suffer from dehydration, the *Durango Herald* reported. Doctors believe Green may have saved her life.

"The doctor said, you know, if we hadn't found her when we did, it would have been probably the worst-case scenario," Green said.

Because of Green's intervention, Schmidt was able to celebrate her 90th birthday on July 27.

## **Man Saves Family From Burning Home**

Phoenix resident Claudia Jimenez lived every parent's worst nightmare on May 18. She was trapped on the second floor of her house as it was engulfed in flames, and she and her two young children had no means to escape.

In desperation, Jimenez opened a window and yelled for help. Nearby was Joe Hollins, a man who lived in a homeless encampment with his wife near Jimenez's house.

Hollins immediately responded and offered to help. Jimenez needed to get her one-year-old and eight-year-old daughters out of the home and to safety, but the only option was to drop her children from the window into Hollins' waiting arms, which terrified her.

She chose to trust him, and Hollins carefully caught both children. Jimenez even dropped her two dogs out of the window into Hollins' sturdy arms before mustering up the courage to jump herself. Hollins caught her, too.

"I will forever be thankful to him, you know?" said Jimenez. "Like I said, to me he was an angel... Because of him we're here, we're alive and my daughters are safe."

Hollins does not claim to be a hero, telling CBS News that anyone would have done what he did.

So moved were community members by Hollins' actions that they wanted to do something for him in the hopes of remedying his homelessness. A GoFundMe page created for Hollins raised more than \$10,000, while a GiveSendGo page raised more than \$5,000.

Hollins said he was grateful for the outpouring of support, but "didn't do it for the help." "I did it because there was a family in need," he said.



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