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The Goodness of America

Well-traveled Doll

When nine-year-old Valentina Dominguez lost her beloved American Girl doll Beatrice returning home to Plano, Texas, from a family trip to Tokyo in August, she feared she would never see the doll again. But thanks to American Airlines First Officer James Danen, the two were reunited.

When Valentina and her family returned to their home in Plano following their flight from Japan, they searched frantically through their luggage hoping to find the doll, only to realize they likely lost it at Haneda Airport in Tokyo or left it on the airplane.

“Beatrice was a big part of our lives for the past three or four years,” Valentina’s father, Rudy, told radio station WFAA.

In desperation, Valentina’s parents posted about the lost doll on social media, hoping for a miracle. The post reached one of Danen’s neighbors, who brought it to his attention.

Danen contacted lost and found at Turkish Airlines and was directed to workers at Haneda Airport, who had already found Beatrice. It took him two flights to finally get a hold of Beatrice. Since Danen lives just a few miles from the Dominguez family, he personally escorted the doll home on August 21.

For Danen, the effort was nothing out of the ordinary.

“It’s my nature. I like helping people.... That’s just what I like doing,” he told WFAA. “I was really glad I could do something nice for somebody.”

In addition to delivering the doll, Danen brought Valentina Japanese candy and a map of the world indicating all of the places Beatrice visited during her travels.

Valentina’s first question to Danen when he returned the doll was whether Beatrice was “well-behaved on the flight.”

Thankfully, she had given him no trouble.

AHugforLove

Thirteen-year-old Rosalyn Baldwin of Hammond, Louisiana, has made it her goal to travel across the country spreading love and giving hugs to police officers in cities throughout the United States.

Rosalyn launched RosalynLoves/AHugforLove to “ignite a new understanding, rooted in mutual respect and love,” in an effort to encourage “love, empathy, and appreciation for the individuals who have committed their lives to serving and protecting the people and communities in which they serve.” She began her mission at the age of six, and has thus far traveled to 44 states and delivered thousands of hugs to police officers to set an example for others.

She was initially inspired to do something along these lines by officers killed in the line of duty in Houston and Dallas, and especially by a shooting in Baton Rouge that “really hit home.” Her family told *The Sentinel-Record* that Rosalyn believed her mission was ultimately “a call from God.”

“She was 6 years old and she came out of her room and said someone was calling her. It was really emotional for her,” Rosalyn’s mother, Angie Baldwin, told *The Sentinel-Record*. “She told me she heard



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a voice calling her and she kept coming back out to me and my husband, who is a pastor, and asked, 'Who is calling me?' and we didn't know."

She came out a third time to ask if anyone called her, and after checking with everyone in the house, Rosalyn's father, Errick Baldwin, told his daughter, "No one in this house is calling you."

It was at that time that Errick realized that perhaps something bigger was happening.

Errick told Rosalyn, "Go back in your room and when you hear that voice, say, 'yes Father, your servant is here.'"

Rosalyn believes that is when God called her to start this mission. At age seven, she began her travels, and for the last six years she has been documenting her journey and sharing images on social media.

Tim Longo, chief of police at the University of Virginia, said, "To give us, not only a hug, but a sign of affirmation and respect, that means the world to us," according to Sunny Skyz.

For Rosalyn, the journey has been a rewarding one.

"It's an amazing experience, especially when you get to visit different departments, hang out with them, you get to see them as your family," she said.

In addition to visiting with local law enforcement around the country, Rosalyn has also appeared at speaking engagements, where she talks about her mission.

On September 16, she spoke to students at JS Waters Middle School in Goldston, North Carolina, sharing her purpose for AHugforLove and discussing youth empowerment and involvement. Her hope is to inspire children her age to get involved and serve their communities.

With just six states left, Rosalyn is hoping to raise enough donations to help her complete her mission. Anyone interested in donating can visit [RosalynLoves.com](#).

Nice to Meet You

Rebecca Wendt couldn't help but notice Heath Nelson walking along the road each day on her commute to work in Bryan, Texas.

"It was just like God bopped me over the head and said, 'Find out where that man lives and what his needs are,'" she told KBTX.

Wendt was able to obtain Nelson's contact information and reached out to him. She was shocked to learn that he walked nearly two hours to and from his job each day, since his bicycle broke.

Wendt decided she wanted to help Nelson by raising money to purchase him a new bicycle. She posted about her goal on social media at the end of August and shared it with family and friends, and was genuinely surprised by the response.

"Within about two hours I had over a thousand dollars raised," she said.

By September 12, she was able to deliver a brand-new electric bike to Nelson. It was the first time the two met in person. In addition to giving him the new bike, Wendt gifted him the leftover funds from the fundraiser, which he said would be used for a set of dentures.

Surprised by Wendt's good deed, Nelson told KBTX, "Oh it's a blessing, trust me. You know, the Lord works in mysterious ways."



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