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The Goodness of America

Small Act, Big Gesture

A heartwarming friendship blossomed between a nine-year-old Louisiana boy and a successful businessman, Matt Busbice, following a case of mistaken identity in April, CBS News reported. It all began when a fire alarm startled Busbice from his sleep, prompting him to exit his condo in mismatched attire. Seeking solace at a nearby coffee shop, Busbice closed his eyes in prayer, unaware of the curious gaze of young Kelvin Ellis, Jr.

Approaching Busbice with a clenched fist holding a one-dollar bill, Ellis mistook him for a homeless man and offered his humble contribution. “If you’re homeless, here’s a dollar,” the boy said earnestly. Busbice was taken aback by the gesture. Yet, instead of taking offense, Busbice was moved by Ellis’ compassion.

Far from being offended, Busbice invited Ellis to join him for breakfast. The security footage captured the touching exchange as Ellis sought permission from his father to accept the invitation. With his father’s blessing, Ellis returned to enjoy a meal with Busbice, who, touched by the boy’s generosity, extended an unexpected invitation for a shopping spree at BuckFeather, his sporting-goods store.

At the store, Ellis gleefully selected clothes and a new bike, his excitement matched only by Busbice’s astonishment at the boy’s remarkable kindness. Reflecting on the experience, Busbice emphasized the profound lesson learned: “If you give, you’re actually going to get more out of that.”

Despite receiving gifts, Ellis emphasized that his act of giving was not motivated by a desire for reward, but by the simple joy of helping others.

Positive Influence

Country music star Jelly Roll returned to the Nashville juvenile detention center where he once served time — this time not as an inmate, but as a beacon of hope. Partnering with the Beat of Life Organization, Jelly Roll revealed a new songwriting program aimed at helping incarcerated youth discover their musical talents.

The unveiling, which took place on April 18, featured a star-studded lineup including fellow country artist ERNEST and Nashville Hall of Fame songwriter Jeffrey Steele. Nashville Mayor Freddie O’Connell and other country music artists also joined the event, highlighting the program’s significance.

The Beat of Life Organization, a Nashville-based nonprofit dedicated to creating music programs for vulnerable populations, will be working regularly in the detention center. Board president Casey LeVasseur told Breitbart News that the program will offer training in music production, songwriting, and music business, as well as rap classes and studio time, aiming to guide, mentor, and encourage the participants. Additionally, the organization will continue to support the inmates through music mentorship after their release.

Steele, Casey LeVasseur’s father, performed at the opening and even collaborated with an inmate to write a song. Steele’s family charity, The Alex LeVasseur Memorial Fund, helped sponsor the event, showcasing a commitment to supporting programs that make a difference in the lives of young individuals.



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Say Yes to the Dress

High-school sophomore Sofia Medrano of San Antonio embarked on a mission to ensure that junior and senior girls at Lanier High School could attend prom without the financial burden of purchasing expensive dresses. Inspired by her cousin's work with the Edgewood School District, where clothing was provided to students in need, Sofia set out to create the "IWHS Boutique," named after Incarnate Word High School, which Sofia attends, with a goal of collecting 100 dresses ahead of this year's prom season. However, her efforts exceeded all expectations, as she received more than 300 dress donations in just three months, KHOU 11 reported.

Reflecting on her motivation, Sofia shared, "One story [my cousin] told me that immediately I was like, 'I want to be able to do that.' — A young man was graduating, and he didn't have a dress shirt, and I believe it was a tie. So, she was able to provide that for him and he was able to wear that for his graduation. Immediately I was thinking, 'I want to be able to do something like that for fellow girls.'"

The outpouring of support has been tremendous, with donations including not only dresses but also boxes of new shoes and jewelry to complement the outfits. Sofia's efforts have made her feel like a "fairy godmother," and she expects junior and senior girls at Lanier High School to have the opportunity to choose two dresses, one for prom and one for graduation, completely free of charge.

She plans to expand her initiative next year to include two high schools.

"50 Yard Challenge"

In a touching display of compassion and entrepreneurship, two San Antonio brothers, Adrian Estrella and Nathan Andrade, have embarked on a mission to mow 50 lawns for free in their community. Inspired by the "50 Yard Challenge" initiated by Rodney Smith, Jr., founder of Raising Men & Women Lawn Care Services, Adrian and Nathan have already transformed six lawns, with their parents documenting each endeavor and sharing it with Smith's nonprofit.

Smith's organization focuses on assisting vulnerable demographics, including the elderly, the disabled, single parents, and veterans — communities that Adrian and Nathan are eager to support through their lawn-care efforts. Smith's journey began in 2015 when he stopped to help an elderly man with his yard, sparking the idea to challenge children to mow 50 lawns for free. Since then, approximately 5,000 kids have participated, with some even starting their own landscaping businesses after receiving the necessary equipment and mentorship.

Adrian, currently involved in ROTC, dreams of one day owning his own lawn-care business, inspired by the values of service and entrepreneurship instilled by the "50 Yard Challenge."



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