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The Goodness of America

Officer and Mentor

Duluth, Georgia, Police Officer Rolf Seiferheld earned some well-deserved praise for mentoring a six-year-old Georgia boy, born without leg bones or arms, who wants to become a detective.

Seiferheld had the honor of meeting Harrison Humphries at the start of the year while on downtown patrol, and the two reportedly became fast friends, according to the *Epoch Times*. When Harrison told Seiferheld he wanted to work in a police department to “help people get better,” Seiferheld felt a kinship with the small child. Seiferheld told 11 Alive he lives by a similar philosophy: “Be kind, and treat people how you want to be treated. Show them the respect they deserve.”

According to Humphries’ mother, Tara, Officer Seiferheld has been kind and encouraging to both Harrison and his brother. Seiferheld and Harrison have a weekly meet-up during Seiferheld’s downtown patrols, at which time Seiferheld talks to Harrison about life in law enforcement. Both Harrison and Seiferheld say it is the highlight of their week.

Seiferheld and Humphries first met at a Food Truck Friday event in downtown Duluth on May 21. A bystander happened upon a sweet scene between the two and captured it on camera. The photo was shared on social media, prompting the Duluth Police Department to share the photo on its Facebook page.

“Someone attending last week’s Food Truck Friday event in Downtown Duluth witnessed our very own Officer Seiferheld taking a moment to speak to this little guy,” they posted.

“He was super excited as they spoke about his toy trucks and wanted to see Officer Seiferheld’s patrol car!”

Harrison’s mother is grateful to Officer Seiferheld for the attention he has given her son. She said people are often “scared” to interact with Harrison, but Seiferheld has treated Harrison just like any other child who has dreamt of becoming a cop. Tara believes Harrison is capable of fulfilling his dream, particularly under the tutelage of Officer Seiferheld.

“Harrison was born without arms, and the absence of leg bones, so [he does not have] his hips, fibulas and femurs. But we were told he would never be able to walk, never be able to feed himself, never be able to do anything,” she said. But in spite of all that, Harrison can do all of those things. He taught himself to use his feet the same way people would use their hands, according to 11 [Alive.com](#).

Double Donations

Two women in Georgia have each other to thank for their husbands’ life-saving kidney transplants in March.

CNN reports Tia Wimbush and Susan Ellis were co-workers for 10 years at the Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, and knew that they both had husbands who suffered from kidney disease and were badly in need of transplants.

After not seeing each other in person for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a chance encounter resulted in the exchange of life-saving information.



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While washing hands in the restroom at their office, the women asked one another how their husbands were doing. It was then that Wimbush learned she was a blood-type match for Ellis's husband, Lance, and Ellis was a blood-type match for Wimbush's husband, Rodney.

"All that was going through my head is, 'What if we can donate our kidneys to each other's husbands?' I could have never imagined it," Wimbush told CNN.

The women brought the ideas to their husbands' doctors and underwent blood-type and antibody tests to confirm that they were indeed matches for each other's husbands, an extremely rare phenomenon, said Christina Klein, a transplant nephrologist at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital.

"It is very rare for two immunologically incompatible pairs to propose their own paired exchange and actually be a match for one another," Klein reported. "I have been a transplant nephrologist since 2008 working in active living donation and paired kidney exchange programs, and I have personally never seen this happen before."

The couples were scheduled to undergo the transplant surgeries in December, but that was delayed after Lance Ellis was hospitalized for acute kidney failure. The surgery was rescheduled for January, but was once again postponed when Susan Ellis tested positive for COVID-19.

Finally, the two couples underwent successful transplants on March 19, *Good Morning America* reported.

"It was not as easy as I thought it was going to be, but I'd absolutely do it again," said Tia Wimbush. "The feeling that I had after surgery is one that I almost can't describe, just the hope and joy that I felt knowing that my kidney could be a part of the process that helped two people have a better quality of life, after seeing what they've gone through in their kidney disease journey."

The entire experience has bonded the two families. The women refer to each other as "kidney sisters," and Lance Ellis says he now thinks of Tia and Rodney Wimbush as family.

"In the process, having somebody else to talk to about this, to talk on a real, transparent level about how we're feeling as wives, as women, as mothers, has been invaluable," said Tia. "We're looking forward to just continuing to get to bond with them because we're family now."

The families are hopeful their story will encourage others to look into becoming living organ donors.

"This is the most important and rewarding thing I've ever done in my life," Susan Ellis said of the kidney donation. "I didn't do it for that, but it ended up being that way."

And Susan is also hopeful their story reminds others of the importance of taking time out of their day to check on one another. If not for that kind exchange in the bathroom at their place of work, the two women may never have learned that they were compatible to donate kidneys to each other's husbands.

"Our story is a story of kindness. It ended up in a kidney exchange, that was the result of it, but it started with human beings just ... checking on each other," said Susan. "We're so busy with social media and texting and thinking 'that's not my business' that we can self-isolate and we don't check in on our neighbors."



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