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The Goodness of America

An Expedited Wedding

The kindness of strangers made it possible for a New York father with cancer to walk his daughter down the aisle.

Alyssa Jones of Rochester, New York, moved up the date of her wedding, which was originally scheduled for 2018, when she discovered that her father, Karl, was diagnosed with cancer.

"My dad's always been a superhero to me, invincible. I'm such a daddy's girl, so when I heard that about him it just broke my heart," she told ABC News. "To imagine not having him with me, there to walk me down the aisle, was the worst thought. I would've been heartbroken if my dad couldn't have done that for me."

Jones' future sister-in-law posted the family's story on a Facebook bridal forum, which prompted wedding vendors in the Rochester area to reach out to offer their services.

ABC News reports that nearly 20 businesses donated their services pro bono so that Jones and her now-husband, Michael Kamm, could have a February 4 wedding.

With the help of so many kind strangers, Jones was able to have the wedding of her dreams with her dad by her side.

"She wanted to rush this because when you hear 'cancer,' you don't know how long someone has to live and she wanted to make sure that daddy walked her down the aisle," her father said. "That was her main thing. I didn't use the walker that I had. I was in pain, but I said 'I'm going to walk through this.' It was wonderful."

Kindness Begins With Kay

YouTube star Meir Kay is a motivational speaker who encourages others to positively engage with strangers. What better way to motivate others than to set an example, and that's just what Kay did.

On Sunday, February 12, Kay hosted a Super Bowl party for homeless New Yorkers, reported the Good News Network.

Kay posted a film on his YouTube page in which he invited several homeless New Yorkers to join him for a Super Bowl party. According to StarPulse.com, the party was hosted on a heated rooftop bar/restaurant, and the invited guests were treated to a buffet, drinks, and a New England Patriots jersey.

The video showed the men praying before they enjoyed their meal. They're also seen outside on the rooftop enjoying the view, cheering the game, dancing, and conversing. The men seemed to have a genuinely good time.

At the end of the video, the men thanked Kay with hugs for all that he did.

"There's no race or finish line," says Meir. "We're all on the same team and for any team to succeed, they need to have each other's back, to work together and move forward as one. It's not always about money — a kind word, some food, a hot drink, a conversation goes a long way. We must do what we can do make this world a brighter place a more positive, happier world and that begins with you."



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It was all in a day's work for Kay. According to his YouTube channel, he's all about "spreading joy and positivity to the people and places" around him.

"I believe we are all connected and every stranger we meet is a potential friend."

A Stranger's Good Deed

A stranger donated \$1,000 to help pay to correct an infant's severe cleft lip.

Sara Heller and Chris Eidam of Omaha, Nebraska, welcomed their baby, Brody William, to the world on October 7, 2016 after learning in Sara's 24th week of pregnancy that he would be born with a cleft lip and cleft palate.

Weeks later, the couple was out at dinner with their friends and their son when their server brought them a gift from another table — a check for \$1,000. The check's memo read, "For your beautiful baby," and it was offered so that the couple could fund their baby's surgery.

Heller told Today.com, "Tears fell from my eyes immediately and the happiness my heart felt is indescribable."

Fox News reported that on January 3, Brody had his second surgery. Heller said the check helped them to offset some of the medical costs. Brody is unable to have surgery on his palate until he is between nine and 12 months old, but the baby is full of smiles, despite having undergone two surgeries.

The stranger provided her contact information on the check, so Heller has been able to keep her up to date on Brody's progress.

"The generosity of a complete stranger restored our faith in humanity," Heller said. "Being Brody's parent has taught me that people care. Strangers all over the country want to hear his story, and they want to pray for him."

These Union City Police Officers Rock!

When a 12-year-old Girl Scout and her mother were robbed at gunpoint on February 9 outside of a Safeway supermarket in Union City, New Jersey, where they were selling cookies, police officers responded, and not just in the way one would expect.

Police officers responding to the scene found that the mother and daughter were unharmed, but shaken. The station wanted to make up for the trauma experienced by the family and opened up their wallets to do so.

According to ABC 7 News, not only did the officers buy the remaining stock of cookies; they also donated their own money to make up for the loss. The *East Bay Times* reported that the total amount donated by police and the police association was over \$1,000.

Sgt. Steve Mendez told mysa.com that he was proud of the officers' response.

"As far as the response from our officers, it's been awesome. I've been here for 27 and a half years, and I've never seen a response from a whole patrol staff this genuine," he said. "A lot of our officers have young kids, either in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, so a lot of them have been there, sitting outside stores with their daughters — it hit home quite a bit."

Mendez said he is "just glad no one was hurt and we were able to change a negative thing into



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something positive for the mom and her daughter. It was traumatic for them.”

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