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## **The Goodness of America**

### **Officer With a Heart of Gold**

The actions of a kind police officer in Atlanta, Georgia, are not likely to be forgotten by the Staples family anytime soon.

Officer Che Milton was called to a local Family Dollar store in February to apprehend a 12-year-old girl who had been caught attempting to steal \$2 shoes. Milton confronted the young girl and asked her why she was stealing the shoes, and was saddened by her story. She explained that she was stealing the shoes for her younger sister because her parents could not afford the shoes.

Instead of charging the girl with a misdemeanor, the officer instead offered to give her a ride home and meet her family. In his meeting with the family, Officer Milton learned that the family had four children, and though the father was working, the family was struggling to keep up with its finances.

CNN reported that the home was “bereft of furniture” and that sheets were strewn on the floor in place of beds.

“I saw the conditions. There was no food in the house and the kids were there,” Milton told CNN. Officer Milton bought the family four pizzas and drinks for dinner.

Officer Milton hoped that his good deed would remain private, but the Atlanta Police Department was far too proud of Milton not to share it on Facebook. “The way that Officer Milton handled this incident showed that not only is he here to enforce the law but also to go the extra mile and be a bigger part of the community he is policing,” the department told CNN.

The story became so popular that the department’s Facebook page proved to be an ideal forum to start up a collection for the Staples family. The page lists the sizes for the four children, as well as for the mother. It also indicates which items the family needs most, such as blankets and clothing.

CNN reported that months later, Officer Milton still stops to check in on the Staples family and drop off diapers.

## **Comic Books Galore**

Ten-year-old Carl Scheckel of Montclair, New Jersey, figured everyone must love comic books as much as he does, so he started a program to send comic books to military members and veterans. In just the month of April, Scheckel donated approximately 3,000 comic books to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey.

The idea of donating comic books first came to Carl when a subscriber to Carl’s comic book reviews website asked whether he considered donating comic books to veterans in hospitals. “I thought, ‘That would be a good idea, because I want people to enjoy comics like I do,’” he recalled on his comic book blog.

He set aside some of his most-prized comics from his enormous collection, as well as comics donated at comic book shows. Before long, he had so many comics that he didn’t know what to do with them all. He decided that in addition to donating comics to veterans in hospitals, he would also donate them to military members overseas.



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In an interview on his website, Carl explained that he simply wanted to do a good deed for the troops. He intends to continue the program.

When word spread of Carl's comic book program, comic book aficionados and dealers reached out from all over to ask how they could help and to provide donations from their own collections.

ABC News reported that Master Sergeant Dominick Griego, the NCO in charge of the base's Military and Family Support Center, said that the comics are shipped globally to numerous deployed locations, along with a flier encouraging military members to snap a photo of themselves with the comics to send to Carl.

Carl's contribution to the troops has been very much appreciated, and as a way to show their gratitude, military officials at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst treated Carl to a VIP tour of the base, the *Military Times* reported. Carl was able to see and even sit in some military planes.

Carl described the experience as the "best day of my life" on his website.

## **Wedding-turned-volunteer-appreciation Event**

For a bride-to-be, it is devastating to come to the conclusion that the wedding will not go on, even if it's because she has decided that the groom-to-be is not the one for her. But Jenna Yorkovich of Minneapolis, Minnesota, turned what could have been a very somber decision into one that had a very positive outcome.

Yorkovich was scheduled to be married on May 12, but six weeks before the big day, she decided that she would not move forward with her wedding. She decided she would donate the reception to the volunteers and families at the Ronald McDonald House, which serves families who have children getting treatment in an intensive care unit. "I decided that even though I had just made one of the hardest decisions in my life, that there was no reason to sit around and be sad forever, but rather to turn one love story into another," Yorkovich, 23, told the *Star Tribune*.

According to local news outlet WCCO, the Ronald McDonald House has a special place in Yorkovich's heart since she works at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis and has had the wonderful opportunity to see firsthand the impact that the Ronald McDonald House has on the families who need it. "I see on a daily basis how incredible [Ronald McDonald House] is for so many families with children in the hospital," said Yorkovich. "It just so happened to be volunteer appreciation week when I called so it seemed to be a meant-to-be circumstance."

Over 150 people were in attendance at the wedding reception-turned-volunteer-appreciation event that evening. Jenna and her family were also there so that she had the opportunity to see the joy her good deed brought to others.

"It was just making the best of the situation I was in. Looking at the positives and knowing I could help a bunch of other people and show the support to them," said Jenna.

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