



Written by [Raven Clabough](#) on August 7, 2017

Published in the August 7, 2017 issue of [the New American](#) magazine. Vol. 33, No. 15

Goodness of America

Cool Surprise

Summertime can be brutal for anyone who does not particularly enjoy the heat, but it can be downright dangerous for those who do not have the luxury of air conditioning, particularly elderly folks. So when the Fort Worth Police Department in Texas received a frantic phone call in June from a 95-year-old man whose air conditioner just broke, they responded immediately.

Officers William Margolis and Christopher Weir drove over to Julius Hatley's house, where they found Hatley sitting in the shade of his porch in an effort to keep cool on that 90-degree morning. Upon inspection, the officers saw that Hatley's central air conditioning unit had indeed broken down and that his backup window unit was not working either.

The officers decided that they would purchase an air conditioner for Hatley. At the local Home Depot, they asked store employees to help them select the best air conditioner for Hatley's home, based on its size and layout. When the store employees learned what the officers were doing, they pitched in \$150 of their own money to split the cost of the unit. The officers then went back to Hatley's to install the unit.

Hatley was extremely grateful for the officers' actions, Margolis told CBS News. And when news of the officers' good deed spread on social media, a local repair company offered to fix Hatley's central air conditioning for free.

CBS News reported that the officers have also decided to continue to assist Hatley by repainting his house, installing new windows, and bringing him weekly groceries.

And despite all the good that the officers are doing for Hatley, they contend it is he who is the hero. "He's 95 years old and he's a World War II veteran," Officer Margolis said. "He's a hero."

Busload of Toys

Trudy Serres, a bus driver for Summit Elementary School in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, has made a point of making every child on her bus route feel special by crocheting a special toy for each of them before the end of the school year.

It began when one of her riders asked her to make a crocheted taco, his favorite food. She made it within two days, and the boy was so impressed that he showed it to all his friends. It prompted other students to begin asking for stuffed toys from Serres. Eventually, Serres went down the aisle of the bus and took requests from all 34 of her passengers. Requests ranged from crocheted Star Wars characters to footballs and ice cream cones, and she gladly obliged, presenting each child with a toy tailored for him.

"She is the best," one of the students' parents told ABC News. "She does everything for these kids. She's very loving and caring."

Serres told ABC News that it brought her pleasure to put smiles on the children's faces and to learn that the toys she made meant something to them.

"Found out from parents that some take them to bed, some go to church with them," she posted on Facebook in June. "Some had to go on vacation with them. Makes my heart melt that these little items



Written by [Raven Clabough](#) on August 7, 2017

Published in the August 7, 2017 issue of [the New American](#) magazine. Vol. 33, No. 15

mean so much to these beautiful children.”

SuperCop/SuperDad

Although liberal government do-gooders who do not believe in any type of corporal punishment often find “child abuse” where none exists and use it as rationale for usurping parental rights, it must not be overlooked that genuine cases of child abuse do occur.

Police Officer Jody Thompson of the Poteau Police Department in Oklahoma saved two children from a genuinely abusive family, and not just in the way one might expect.

Two years ago, Thompson was off duty when he overheard the police dispatcher mention a case of child abuse over the radio. As Officer Thompson had experience handling child-abuse cases, he decided to go with the on-duty officers to offer his assistance.

Upon arrival, Thompson saw the rampant abuse that was taking place in the household. Eight-year-old John was found tied up in a trash can that was filled with cold water. The child was covered in bruises and clearly malnourished.

Officer Thompson took John to the emergency room and sat by the child’s side the entire time. According to Thompson, once he saw John, he knew instantly that he wanted to take care of him for the rest of his life.

“When I’d seen him in that house shivering and his hands tied — just soaked and confused — I knew at that moment the only time I would be satisfied that he was safe is if he was with me,” Thompson recalled to CBS News.

Thompson quickly became a certified foster parent while John recuperated in intensive care so that could he bring him home to raise as his own. Since then, John has been thriving, Thompson told CBS News. “John is amazing. He’s a straight-A student, on the honor roll, in the gifted and talented program, involved in the local drama club,” Thompson said. “The kid’s very resilient. He bounced back from this.”

Amazingly, two days after bringing John home, the Thompson family learned that they were also expecting their third biological child.

And even with their rapidly expanding family, the Thompsons did not hesitate to adopt a newborn baby girl seven months later, after they learned that John’s mother had given birth to her. They couldn’t bear to allow John’s little sister to be taken to a place where abuse was practically a foregone conclusion. “We literally picked her up in the hospital the next day when she was a day old and brought her straight home,” Thompson said.

This year, on June 30, Officer Thompson and his family were recognized for their incredible love and compassion, with Thompson receiving a certificate of commendation from the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigations. And in honor of Officer Thompson, Poteau Police Chief Stephen Fruen released a glowing statement:

Jody’s actions as well as his families [sic] are second to none. The example of love and compassion he has shown to this young man and his sister is an example everyone should follow.

— Raven Clabough



Written by [Raven Clabough](#) on August 7, 2017

Published in the August 7, 2017 issue of [the New American](#) magazine. Vol. 33, No. 15

Subscribe to the New American

Get exclusive digital access to the most informative, non-partisan truthful news source for patriotic Americans!

Discover a refreshing blend of time-honored values, principles and insightful perspectives within the pages of "The New American" magazine. Delve into a world where tradition is the foundation, and exploration knows no bounds.

From politics and finance to foreign affairs, environment, culture, and technology, we bring you an unparalleled array of topics that matter most.



[Subscribe](#)

What's Included?

- 24 Issues Per Year
- Optional Print Edition
- Digital Edition Access
- Exclusive Subscriber Content
- Audio provided for all articles
- Unlimited access to past issues
- Coming Soon! Ad FREE
- 60-Day money back guarantee!
- Cancel anytime.