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Goodness of America

Ice Cream Money

Sixth-grade teacher Price Lawrence of Highlands Elementary in Huntsville, Alabama, was astonished when one of his students offered her ice cream money to help Lawrence pay for his father-in-law's funeral.

Lawrence explained on his Facebook page that all of his students exhibited kindness when they learned that he had lost his father-in-law on February 20. "This morning, during first period, my kids could tell I was a little off," he wrote on his page. "When they asked why I wasn't acting normally, I explained to them that my wife's father had passed away this weekend and that I was worried about her."

According to Lawrence, the students gave him hugs and high-fives at dismissal, but one particular student took it a step further. She reportedly gave Mr. Lawrence some coins with a note that read, "Ms. Lawrence. I'm sorry." The student went on to tell Mr. Lawrence, "This is for your wife. I know it was real expensive when my daddy died and I don't really want ice cream today anyways."

Facebook users were so touched by the girl's kindness that they shared the post nearly 300,000 times.

Aiding a Veteran

Police officer Jordan Gaiche of Wausau, Wisconsin, was patrolling one of his neighborhoods on a freezing night when he encountered a strange situation and an opportunity to do something good.

On a below-zero night in Wausau, Officer Gaiche could not help but notice a man walking down the street wearing nothing but a t-shirt and shorts, rather unusual attire for such a cold evening. The officer stopped the man to ask if he was all right.

"I looked down at my temperature gauge and it was negative 7, which kind of concerned me," the officer told WSAW.

The man explained that his elderly neighbor, Ron Barwick, had once again gotten stuck in his broken recliner and that he was on his way to help him. Officer Gaiche agreed to go along to offer some assistance.

"The elderly gentleman had gotten stuck in his recliner and appeared to be immobile and on oxygen," said Gaiche. "It was evident that this chair was the place this man spent most of his time."

According to Gaiche, the chair did not seem like an adequate resting place for Barwick. "It had become more of a trap for injury rather than an assistive device," the officer wrote on his Facebook page. "The neighbor looked up at the man's wife and said: 'I think it's time you guys got a new chair.' The wife sadly replied that she knew they needed a new chair, but could not afford one, as they [cost] around \$2,000."

Gaiche told WSAW he was "broken-hearted" when he heard that, especially when he learned that Barwick was a Navy veteran who had served two tours in Vietnam.

It was then that Officer Gaiche decided he wanted to help. He instructed the man's wife to select a new recliner and stated that he would cover the bill.

Gaiche then took to his Facebook page to see if anyone would help him purchase the chair, and was



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astonished by the outpouring of support for the Vietnam veteran.

“I posted something on Facebook, just to some family and friends at like 5 in the morning on Monday, and within an hour, 6:00 we had over a dozen people that had stood up and responded to the needs of a fellow man,” said Officer Gaiche. By the time 36 hours had passed, Officer Gaiche had raised enough to buy the chair. Furniture and Appliance Mart in Wausau even donated the delivery of the new chair.

“I was just really shocked, and incredibly appreciative of the generosity that people had come forth with to help a total stranger,” said Gaiche. “Some of the people who donated, I have not seen for a decade.... Some I have never even met.”

By February 7, Barwick had a brand new chair. Furniture and Appliance Mart also removed the old one for free.

Meanwhile, Officer Gaiche said, “The moral of this story is to look around you and see all of the great things that people are doing. This world is a good place. Turn off the negativity and focus on making the world just a little bit better.”

Crying Toddler, Caring Women

A young, pregnant mother from Waimea, Hawaii, became overwhelmed on February 2 when she found herself waiting for a flight at LAX airport with her toddler, who was having a meltdown. Then, something amazing happened. One by one, women awaiting flights began coming over to the scene to help. By the time they all went their separate ways, the pair was able to get on the flight without further incident.

Witness Beth Bornstein Dunnington described the scene on her Facebook page: “A toddler who looked to be eighteen or so months old was having a total meltdown, running between the seats, kicking and screaming, then lying on the ground, refusing to board the plane.” According to Dunnington, the mother was pregnant and traveling alone, and was unable to pick up the child because he was flailing and screaming. “The mother finally sat down on the floor and put her head in her hands, with her kid next to her still having a meltdown, and started crying,” she continued.

Dunnington reported that six or seven women from the boarding area approached the young mother and formed a sort of circle around her and her child, as if to shield the scene so as to help minimize the mother’s embarrassment. She states that each woman did something different to calm the distressed pair.

Dunnington recalled: “I sang ‘The Itsy Bitsy Spider’ to the little boy.... One woman had an orange that she peeled; one woman had a little toy in her bag that she let the toddler play with; another woman gave the mom a bottle of water. Someone else helped the mom get the kid’s sippy cup out of her bag and give it to him.”

Amazingly, the women did not communicate a word to one another about how they were going to help. Instead, they each took on a different role, and within minutes, both the mom and toddler were calm and able to board their flight. “After they went through the door, we all went back to our separate seats and didn’t talk about it.... We were strangers, gathering to solve something,” Dunnington wrote.

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