



The Goodness of America

Free Pizza, Warm Hearts

When York County, Pennsylvania, was struck by yet another snowstorm in February, Delta Pizza stayed open to serve the first responders and anyone who needed a warm place to wait out the snow and get a hot meal.

"We are open for anyone that needs us and can make it here safely," Delta Pizza owner Sal Ferranti posted on Facebook on February 20. "We are here for walk-ins; and, for safety of drivers, we will not deliver. I will, personally, deliver to EMS, fire department, road crews, work sites, seniors, kids or anyone that really needs it. If you are cold or have no food or you can make it here safely, you are welcome to come here at restaurant or lounge and stay as long as you like even if you have no money. Please share post."

The post received a lot of attention from local residents, and the story was picked up by local news outlet Fox43.

First responders were pleased by Ferranti's offer.

"That means a lot to us. We actually do a lot that people don't know about, we don't eat normal hours, we don't sleep normal hours. And that's great because we don't get offers like that very often," said Amanda Bray, a local EMT.

According to Fox43, Ferranti did more than just serve free pizza to those who needed it during that storm. When a single mother of a one-year-old called the pizzeria and asked for food for her and her child, Ferranti delivered — literally.

"Unfortunately, I don't have any food for the young child since she's only a year old," Sal told Fox43. So he took it upon himself to make a trip to the grocery store and get food for the mother and her baby.

"If you're a single mom and you have a child and no vehicle and no house and no money, this would be a very, very enormous task," said Sal.

Sal asserts that he feels blessed to have his local community: "The message is that we're all stronger together than just me alone, and this town is a true reflection of that." When a fire severely damaged Delta Pizza in 2013, the local community came together to help. They raised more than \$1,900 (which Ferranti later donated to charity) and offered their services in helping to repair the building.

"I look outside, and to my amazement, there was a bunch of Amish buggies, and a bunch of Amish people that came to help," Ferranti told the *York Daily Record* in 2015. "It was really, really amazing to me."

Ferranti had become well known to the Amish community by giving away leftover food to local families, *York Daily Record* reported.

When Ferranti reopened the pizzeria nearly two years after the fire, the community showed its loyalty and faithfulness by placing 198 orders on the first day.





Bad News, Good News

When a single mom named Alex brought her car to America's Tire Company in Hemet, California, in February to fix a flat tire, she was in for a shock. Two shocks, actually: the first bad, the second good.

Not only did Alex need to replace the flat tire, but her other three non-flat tires were bald and needed to be replaced as well. All four tires were going to cost her \$1,400, and she simply could not afford that. But the store owners were concerned that the tires were no longer safe.

Alex was understandably upset.

That, as you can imagine, was the "bad shock."

Then a man known only as Phil stepped in. According to a Facebook post written by Sergio Rodriguez, one of the other patrons of America's Tire Company, Phil immediately intervened when he heard the interaction and said simply, "I'll buy all four tires for her."

The post reads, "The entire store was in shock. Alex said thank you about 100 times. Phil was mister smooth and humble, with a big heart."

All Phil asked was that Alex "pay it forward."

Riverside County News Source later caught up with Alex to ask about her good Samaritan. She said she was "so thankful" for Phil. "I've never seen anything like that happen, doing something that big for a complete stranger," she said.

Alex told the news outlet that her car had been "sliding around for weeks" and had been particularly troublesome during the recent bouts of rain that caused the roads to become slick.

Rodriguez' Facebook post generated comments from people who said that Phil's actions restored their faith in humanity. And as it turns out, Phil received something in return. When the manager of America's Tire Company learned what Phil did for Alex, he gave him two of the four sensors he needed for his vehicle for free.

You Will Never Forget It

A pregnant waitress was in for the surprise of her life when a police officer gave her a \$100 tip on an \$8 bill.

Courtney English, 23, of Gloucester Township, New Jersey, was eight months pregnant but still "working her butt off" to save as she approached her due date.

A local police officer, who wished to remain anonymous, overheard her telling some of the patrons how excited she was about the baby. The officer only recently had his first child and knew exactly the joy that English felt.

"He recently just had his first child so he was a little emotional and saying that was the greatest day of his life and it's gonna change her life," Nick Hionas, the owner of the diner, <u>told KGO-TV</u>.

Unbeknownst to English, the officer left her a \$100 tip on his \$8.75 tab with a note that read, "Enjoy your 1st. You will never forget it."

English thought it was a mistake. When she realized that the officer intended to tip her that much, she



began to cry, People.com reported.

"This doesn't happen. It was really genuine, it was really nice," she said.

English's father posted about the encounter in a February 16 Facebook post to honor the officer who made his daughter's day. "I always had the utmost respect for Officers, but you went above and beyond not just an officer, but a beautiful human being," he wrote.

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