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The Goodness of America

911, What's Your Emergency?

When a young boy in Tallahassee, Florida, called 911 on May 6 to say he was lonely and needed a new friend, Officer Joe White responded immediately.

According to the Facebook page for the City of Tallahassee Police Department, Officer White met with the boy and explained to him that 911 is reserved for emergencies. However, Officer White assured the six-year-old that he would be his friend, and left him with a stuffed animal as a gift.

Officer White did not rush off, either. He spent some time with the little boy, and even gave him a chance to sit in the patrol car.

The department praised White's kindness in a statement to *People* magazine: "Officer White did a phenomenal job answering this 911 call and using it as an opportunity to be a positive mentor," it said. "He understood the caller was a child who needed a buddy or a friend to understand. He took the time to make the interaction a teaching moment for the use of 911, too. Officer White helped tie the child's sneakers and walked with him to the patrol car so he could work the blue lights."

The department noted that Officer White's kindness is an important component in bridging the gap between police and the local youth. "It was a great moment to develop an important relationship. The child's mother and older brother were there but there is a large age gap between the child and his brother. They did not know he called 911. The child knew by calling 911, he'd have a friend and he did!"

And even though Officer White emphasized that 911 is reserved for emergencies, the young boy now knows that he can reach out to Officer White and other officers at the department if he ever needs to talk.

Special Deliveries

Elisabeth Milich of Phoenix, Arizona, is a second-grade teacher at Whispering Wind Academy. When she posted on Facebook last year about using her own money to buy food and supplies for her classroom, she could never have predicted the response that she would get.

Milich's post drew national attention when she disclosed her annual income: \$35,621.25 at the time. She stated in her post that she often used her salary to purchase snacks and supplies for her students, but that her salary was not enough to be able to continue to do that in the long-term.

"It's hard to make a decision to spend money on your home, your own kids or spend money on your school kids that desperately need the help," Milich, a mom of three, told *Good Morning America*. "I feel fortunate and blessed that I'm not a single mom. I have my husband's income where I can buy [lunch] for kids that don't have lunch for field trips but as for fun stuff, I can't buy a set of 20 paints."

A few months later, she received a call from a stranger in New York City named Ben Adam who made an incredible offer — to pay for the snacks and supplies that Milich and her husband had been buying.

Milich was taken aback by Adam's generosity. "I'm thinking, 'This is crazy. This is a total stranger from New York,'" Milich told the *New York Times*. "When school started, I started getting Amazon packages. I thought it was a one-time thing."



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It was not. Adam continued to send Milich classroom supplies through the second semester of school, items that included paper, snacks, pencils, books, etc.

Adam then asked Milich if any of the other teachers at her school needed supplies, and before long, Classroom Giving was born. It's a website that allows others to donate to teachers in need of classroom supplies. Teachers are able to post a "wish list" of materials on Amazon, and donors are able to purchase the items, which are then delivered through an online retailer.

"We are not asking for donations and we are not raising any funds," Adam explained. "It takes you to Amazon and you enter the classroom address into your Amazon address book. You send whatever you can afford and you know that item has gotten exactly to the person you sent it to."

Adam's goal is for the website to eventually go national.

Meanwhile, Adam and Milich have yet to meet in person, but she told *Good Morning America* that she would like to give him a "big hug" for all he's done for her students.

Teacher's Day

When David Green used up all of his sick days to attend to his baby daughter who is sick with cancer, he was reportedly "blown away" by the generosity he received from strangers across his home state of Alabama.

Green is a coach and history teacher at Mae Jemison High School in Huntsville, *People* reports. His daughter, Kinsley, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in October 2018 and is receiving cancer treatments 100 miles away from their Huntsville home, Newser.com reported, and it did not take long before he was out of sick days.

Green's wife, Megan, took to Facebook to ask if other teachers would be willing to donate one day each in the hopes of reaching 40 days.

"David is officially out of sick days at work," she wrote in a Facebook post on March 20. "We want him to continue to be able to be with us at the hospital while Kinsley is getting Chemotherapy so if you are a teacher in the State of Alabama and are in a position to donate a sick day we would greatly appreciate it!"

"Kinsley is the biggest daddy's girl and needs him to be here as often as he can," the post continued, "so she would be so thankful for any donated days so she can spend time with her daddy."

The Greens' goal was easily surpassed as teachers came forward and were able to donate a total of 110 sick days to the desperate father.

"I could not imagine having a child and being away from the child," says Wilma DeYampert, an elementary-school assistant principal who has breast cancer. "So, I just thought it was the right thing to do. My mom always said, 'You don't have to be rich to bless someone.'"

WHNT reported that DeYampert is undergoing chemo herself but still generously donated two sick days.

"We were blown away with the response that we received with the sick days," Megan told *Good Morning America*. "It is a huge blessing and we can't wait until we are in the position to give back and help others."



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