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The Goodness of America

Twice Chosen, Twice Blessed

Five years ago, Joseph and Shanna Weight of Elk Ridge, Utah, adopted a baby boy named Milo, and three years later, they gave birth to their biological son, Nash, now two. The Weights felt their family was complete, but their minds changed following a phone call. The agency through which the Weights adopted Milo, A Act of Love Adoptions, called them with some big news.

“They contacted us and said, ‘Milo is going to be a big brother’ and asked if we would consider adopting his sister,” Joseph Weight recalled. “At the time I was like, ‘That’s a big one.’”

Shanna Weight was traveling out of the country when the agency contacted Joseph, *Good Morning America* reported, but her initial thought upon learning of the call was that it was not going to be a possibility. Very quickly, however, she began to reconsider. “After the initial shock wore off I thought, ‘It would be so nice to have them raised together,’” she recalled in June.

After just one weekend of careful consideration, the couple decided to adopt Milo’s baby sister.

Shanna recalls that Milo played a big role in the decision. “I [told Milo], ‘Your birth mom is pregnant’ and he started jumping up and down,” Joseph said. “He pointed his finger right in my face and said, ‘We’re bringing home that baby.’”

Onnie Pearl was born on February 25, and went home with the Weights two days later.

The Weights told *Good Morning America* that they were grateful to be chosen twice by Milo’s biological mother.

“I think how courageous [their birth mom] was to recognize that they needed something more than she could give them. She was very selfless in what she did,” said Shanna.

“I’m thankful every single day that she chose us and felt like we’d be good parents.”

And Milo and Nash are beyond grateful to have their little sister. Joseph said that Milo “loves to talk to her and make her smile.”

Tip of the Day

Catherine Acampora-Nielsen is a special education teacher at the Lakewood Middle School in Lakewood, New Jersey, who also moonlights as a waitress at Woolley’s Seafood House Restaurant in Freehold, New Jersey. When Acampora-Nielsen waited on the parents of one of the students at her school one evening, she was treated to a very big surprise, Yahoo reported.

When she collected the \$70 check from the couple, she saw they left her a \$100 tip along with a very kind note: “Thank you for teaching our kids — teachers shouldn’t have to work weekends!”

Acampora-Nielsen was so touched by the kind gesture that she posted about it on her Facebook page. “To the couple that came into Woolley’s today and left this for me, I can’t thank you enough — lucky there are people out there who appreciate hard workers — hope you two enjoyed your day away from the kids,” she wrote.

On June 9, the post was shared on Howell Happenings NJ Facebook page, where users shared their



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gratitude for the couple's generosity.

"Still good people out there," one user wrote.

Another added, "That made my day almost as much as it made yours! Great to see good people recognizing good people."

What's Mine Is Yours

When Officer Brian Zagorski of the Niles Police Department in Illinois spotted a homeless man tripping on his worn-out shoes on June 8, he responded with immediate generosity.

According to WGN-TV, Officer Zagorski approached the man to inquire about his situation. He offered the man a bag of toiletries and supplies from a community assistance program run by the police department, but the man declined.

Zagorski then asked the man what size shoes he wore. When the man replied that he wore the same size shoes as Zagorski, the officer did not hesitate before removing his own shoes and handing them to the homeless man.

Zagorski confirmed once more that the man did not require further assistance before the homeless man strolled away in the officer's shoes.

"I was happy," Zagorski told WGN-TV. "I made a difference, and that's essentially what we sign up to do, is to make a difference." Zagorski said he has not seen the man since, but will keep a lookout for him to see if he needs anything else.

The story of the kind encounter was later posted on the Niles Police Department's Facebook page.

One user took the opportunity to praise all first responders: "This happens every single day across America by all First Responders.....SAD MSM chooses not to report it."

A Unique Graduation Party

High-school graduating senior Leanne Carrasco used her graduation as an opportunity to spread goodness in Houston, Texas.

When Carrasco's parents offered to throw her a graduation party, Leanne had a better idea. She decided instead to throw a pizza party at a local homeless shelter for women and children, Star of Hope Family Development Center.

"Not a lot of people have the same options as me," she told CNN. "There are a lot of people who need help. So I give it."

Carrasco has volunteered at the shelter before, but she wanted to be sure that the pizza party was a chance to do something big.

According to CNN, Carrasco and her friends collected toiletries in the month leading up to the party, and packed 400 hygiene bags to be handed out to the shelter's residents.

On June 2, 95 pizzas were delivered to the shelter, where 200 guests, including Carrasco and her friends, dined and celebrated.

The shelter's spokesman, Scott Arthur, said that the teens did more than simply feed the residents that



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day. “[Carrasco and her friends] had respect for these people. They saw them as peers. The residents saw this as a validation that people do care,” he said.

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