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The Goodness of America

Stranger, Samaritan

When Kevin Lindke of Port Huron, Michigan, noticed something was amiss, he took immediate action and became a hero to one pizza delivery driver.

Rayden Jones left his vehicle unattended for a moment while delivering pizza to a local school in January and was shocked to discover his vehicle was gone when he exited the school. Unbeknownst to him at the time, the vehicle had been stolen by a mentally unstable woman.

"I was at Port Huron High School and was in and out in two minutes, and in that amount of time she was gone," Jones later recalled to WDIV of Detroit.

Fortunately, Kevin Lindke was driving home from work when he spotted Jones' vehicle, which was swerving and took the wrong ramp onto the freeway. Lindke immediately called the police and described the situation as he proceeded to follow the car.

The carjacker eventually crashed the car into another vehicle and began to take off, but Lindke would not allow it. He caught up to her and convinced her to wait with the vehicle until the police arrived. Law enforcement later informed Lindke the woman had a history of mental instability.

But Lindke's good deed doesn't end there. When he learned that the destroyed vehicle belonged to a hard-working pizza delivery driver, he decided to gift his minivan to Jones. Prior to that, Lindke had planned to sell the vehicle.

"I understand taking some hits and having to work through it," Lindke explained.

Lindke provided the keys and title to Jones on January 10.

"I'm not going to lie, I about burst into tears 'cause who does that?" Jones said, adding, "It's a Godsend, that this man, out of nowhere, who I've never met, would do this," Jones added. "It's mind-blowing."

Firefighters — and Cashiers?

When firefighters responded to a January 7 call by a gas station employee who fell ill while working all alone on his shift, they went above and beyond their call of duty.

The attendant, known only as Elliot, was the only employee at the J&H Family Store in Alto, Michigan, when he began to feel ill. He immediately called his supervisor and requested another employee take over his shift before calling 911 for help.

Four firefighters arrived at the shop and stayed with the cashier until the ambulance arrived. Unfortunately, when the ambulance reached the store, the cashier's backup still had not arrived at the shop.

Not wanting Elliot to worry about the store or his job, the firefighters decided to stay at the shop and run it until backup arrived.

"[The customers] weren't pushy and upset," Captain Chris Wieland told News 8. "We weren't doing anything. They literally just wanted to get some snacks and get on the road. So I felt bad and thought we could help them out."



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Wieland admitted to having some difficulty at first. "Getting the drawer open was a little tricky," he said. "I kept hitting, pushing a button and it kept saying something: 'error.' And I hit cancel and I could finally find the cash register button."

The firefighters were able to get the customers at the store rung up until the backup employee arrived.

Mom of 600+ Children

An Iowa woman was honored for fostering more than 600 children over the course of five decades, CNN reported.

Linda Faye Herring of Johnson County, Iowa, received a "Resolution of Appreciation" from the Department of Human Services Board of Supervisors for her decades-long service to foster care, which began in the 1970s.

"My best friend was doing foster care for teenage girls and I thought, 'Well, that would be nice to do the same,' but I wanted little kids," Herring told CNN. "So, I talked to the Department of Human Services and agreed to take kids with medical needs."

Herring, who also has five biological children of her own, in addition to adopting several others, quickly developed a reputation for never turning a child away, taking in children all hours of the day and night, regardless of the child's situation.

"The Department of Human Services would call Linda in the middle of the night to take a child, and she would meet anywhere to get a child," the Board of Supervisors wrote in Linda's Resolution of Appreciation.

The resolution says Herring cared mostly for children with special medical needs. It also states Herring kept bins of clothes in her garage so that even children who arrived at her home with nothing had changes of clothes.

Herring, now in her 70s, told CNN she was motivated by "love" to do what she did.

"I cried when the kids would leave my home, no matter how long they had been there. It was so hard for me to say goodbye to them. I always questioned, 'Why do I keep doing this?' because it was never easy to say goodbye to a child. But I kept doing it because I had so much love to give to these children in need."

One of Herring's adopted children, Anthony Herring, now 39, recalls his experience watching other children come into the home. "She was always available and ready for a child in need," said Anthony, who was taken in by Herring when he was six months old and formally adopted into the Herring family at age three. "These kids were usually taken from a traumatic situation and she'd take them in, provide a warm bed, clean clothes, warm meals and love," he continued, noting his mother worked hard to keep families together.

Anthony added that Herring would make sure every new child in her house was photographed professionally, and the picture then placed on the family's wall in the living room.

"That seems like a small thing," Anthony said, "but it helps them feel like they're at home."

Unfortunately, due to health concerns, Herring decided to stop fostering children last October.

However, her goodness inspired four of her five biological children and one of her adopted children to



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carry on her legacy by fostering children themselves. Amazingly, three of Herring's grandchildren are also fostering children.

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