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The Goodness of America

Gloria's Gladiators

An electrician in Woburn, Massachusetts, has raised more than \$100,000 to repair the home of a local senior citizen in desperate need, CBS News reported.

John Kinney was called to 72-year-old Gloria Scott's home in early August to fix a broken ceiling light, but he was shocked to discover her home needed significantly more repairs than that. Kinney said she had few working lights, no running water, no Internet, and no cellphone.

Kinney told CBS News he could not get Scott out of his mind when he left her house that day.

"I think I seen her on a Friday and it stuck with me over the weekend and I said, 'I got to go back there,'" he recalled.

And Kinney did just that. He began doing different things at Scott's home free of charge, including yard work and cleanup, but knew he was going to need more help.

Kinney created a Facebook page called "Nice old lady needs help" in the hopes of raising money to cover the cost of materials for the many projects her home needed. He outlined what he had seen at her home when he came to repair the broken light:

She had no stove, and her refrigerator was plugged into an extension cord. I fixed her immediate electrical hazards and got her lights and air conditioning on. When all the lights came on, I saw that her ceilings were falling apart, her kitchen sink was broken, and that the place was filthy. She told me that critters often got in the house. The outside was no better. Gutters were falling down and it was surrounded by a jungle. She has no family, and money is tight.... She has some serious plumbing issues that need to be corrected. There is extensive drywall repair to be done. A massive amount of painting. Her front porch brick steps are an accident waiting to happen. I'm not looking to rebuild her whole house. I just want to make it safe and livable for her.

Within one month, the page raised \$111,331.

And beyond raising funds, the page helped create "Gloria's Gladiators," a group of volunteers who came out to offer their services.

"Look at these people!" Gloria said when she saw the group of volunteers at her home, according to CBS News. "I mean, I can't even comprehend the gratitude that I have."

Kinney was moved by the outpouring of support from the community and took to Facebook to share his gratitude to his kind friends, colleagues, and neighbors. "You all have shown me that when the community comes together with a little love and support, it can make a huge impact in a person's life," he wrote.

Kinney told CBS his original intention was simply to repair Scott's home, but said by the end of the project, Scott's entire home will be practically rebuilt. Almost everything will be replaced, including windows, walls, ceilings, and, of course, her electrical and plumbing.



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Kinney is hopeful Gloria's Gladiators will sprout chapters across the country to help seniors in need everywhere. "There's still a lot of old people out there that don't have anybody though. We must remain vigilant with our elderly," he implored.

1,000 Lunches and Smiles

Seven-year-old Jayden Freedman has made it his monthly mission to feed the homeless in his community in Pikesville, Maryland. His latest effort was to make 1,000 lunches for the homeless in his area, and with the help of friends, family, and some generous companies, he made it happen.

Freedman's school puts together a monthly food drive, which sparked Freedman's altruism. Initially, he donated just one meal. Before long, his goal grew to 100 meals. But his October goal was a whopping 1,000.

CBS Local Baltimore reported that Freedman was able to meet his goal with help from H&S Bakery, Utz Potato Chips, and Giant Foods, as well as friends and family. It took more than 10 hours to put the meals together.

Amazingly, Freedman's lunches all come with a personal note: "Enjoy your lunch and have a happy day."

Freedman told WBAL his mission was to "put a smile" on the faces of those in need.

According to aid-providing entity Manna House's director of programs and philanthropy, Freedman is doing just that. "It's special people like this man, this little man that have not just impacted our feeding program but they impact our clients," said Jen Dubreil.

Freedman plans to continue to make monthly lunches for the homeless.

Firefighters — and Lawn Crew?

When an 83-year-old Army veteran experienced heat exhaustion from mowing his lawn in hot Fort Lauderdale weather, three firefighters went the extra mile to offer their assistance.

WSVN reported that Prince Pinkney and his wife, Rebecca, were taking care of their yard on October 12 when Prince began to feel symptoms of heat exhaustion. His condition quickly worsened, and his legs buckled underneath him.

Thankfully, a passerby saw what happened and immediately phoned the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue. Three crew members arrived on the scene and began treating Pinkney.

Once they ensured Pinkney was okay, the firefighters went about tending his yard. One of the firefighters finished mowing the lawn, while another used the weed eater, [Breitbart.com](#) reported.

The firemen say they decided to work on the vet's lawn without "much of a discussion."

The firemen then returned later in the day to check on Pinkney and his wife. The couple expressed their deepest gratitude for the firefighters' kindness. Before they left, the firefighters saluted Pinkney, who was a missile technician in Vietnam.

The Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue later posted the story on its Facebook page.

And, a local lawn-service company caught wind of the story and has agreed to maintain the veteran's



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yard free of charge, Yahoo News reported.



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