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## The Goodness of America

### Record-breaker

Eight-year-old Lilly Bumpus survived a rare type of cancer as an infant and has since made it her mission to help other children struggling with cancer, the *San Bernardino Sun* reported.

Every year, Lilly and her family spend holidays creating personalized care packages for children fighting cancer across the country. Lilly and her family also created the nonprofit Team Lilly Foundation, which pays bills, provides meals, and even covers funeral expenses for children with cancer.

But Lilly's latest endeavor is a generous donation to pediatric cancer research. A Brownie in the Girl Scouts, Lilly broke the record for most Girl Scout cookies sold in a single season — 32,484 to be exact — and has announced that most of the money she raised will go to fund childhood-cancer research and to a group that feeds the homeless on Skid Row in Los Angeles.

Incredibly, Lilly's sales did not come from big businesses or major sponsors, but from individuals buying multiple boxes.

"The biggest order placed was 100 boxes," Lilly's mother, Trish, said. "Lilly reached 32,000 boxes out of everyone seeing value in buying one box, two boxes, four boxes, and everybody working together to try to be a small piece of a really big puzzle. That, to me, is magical."

Astoundingly, Lilly sold the cookies not only to residents in all 50 states, but also to buyers in other countries, including Canada, the United Kingdom, Spain, France, and Egypt.

Lilly's tenacious efforts and extraordinary accomplishment set a wonderful example for her troop, which is comprised of mostly cancer survivors, girls currently dealing with cancer, and some who have lost a loved one to cancer.

"She showed our community and the world it's more than just buying cookies or buying a product," her mother proudly told the *San Bernardino Sun*. "It's supporting someone's dream. Whether it's a business owner or an 8-year-old girl slinging Girl Scout cookies, Lilly encouraged people to support a dream and a mission, not just a product."

### Truck vs. Truck

A high-speed police pursuit of a murder suspect in Southern California on April 6 ended after a quick-thinking and brave semi-truck driver intervened.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department had been looking for Michael Caleb Reed, who was suspected in the shooting death of a 40-year-old man in Oildale in March, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. When police found Reed and attempted to apprehend him, he attacked a deputy and took off in a pickup truck, leading police on a car chase on the 60 Freeway at speeds up to 90 miles per hour.

Ahmed Shabaan was in his big rig when the cars zipped past him.

"I saw them chasing him about five blocks before where I hit him," Shabaan recalled on Fox News' *Hannity*. "I was talking to my friend on the phone. I was telling him, 'Hey, there is a car being chased by like 40-50 cops,' and he was like, 'Yeah, that guy is a murderer.'"



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Just 15 minutes later, Reed circled back and Shabaan took the opportunity to end the chase by blocking the intersection.

"I had to end it before he killed someone or hit a car or hit a kid," Shabaan told KCBS-TV.

Shabaan hoped to simply obstruct Reed's ability to get through the intersection, but the incident played out so quickly it ultimately resulted in Reed's pickup truck crashing into Shabaan's big rig.

Fortunately, Shabaan, Reed, and a passenger in Reed's car, later identified as "Roxy," were uninjured.

According to MSN News, Reed was driving erratically, throwing papers onto the freeway and taking his hands off the steering wheel, even as he drove at dangerously high speeds. At one point, his driving caused a head-on collision between a sedan and a box truck, though no injuries were reported.

Shabaan's intervention ended the nearly two-hour pursuit in Pomona, where Reed was finally apprehended by police.

## **Vacation Heroics**

Thirteen-year-old Kaydence Henslee of Mayhill, New Mexico, became a hero while vacationing with her family in Orlando on March 27.

While swimming at her hotel's pool, Kaydence noticed that a little girl was drowning and quickly took action.

"I just saw her kind of floating," Kaydence told KRQE. "She wasn't technically on the bottom when I was there. When I pulled her out, her lip was purple."

According to a Facebook post by Kaydence's father, Matt, his daughter pulled the toddler, identified as three-year-old Haven Williams of Kansas City, Missouri, out of the water, and other hotel guests immediately began administering CPR until paramedics arrived. The child was initially unresponsive, but began to gain consciousness after several minutes of CPR.

Haven's mother, Ashley, had briefly left her in the care of her 14-year-old brother at the pool when the incident occurred.

"I just remember seeing another woman run across and yell into the bar area for someone to call 911 because a baby had just drowned," Ashley recalled. "I was like, 'oh my gosh.' I didn't think it was my baby."

Ashley said she did not realize the child was her own daughter until she recognized Haven's swimsuit. "I just pushed through the crowd," Ashley said. "I felt that feeling of losing my child."

Haven was hospitalized overnight, but fortunately made a full recovery.

"Even the doctors are saying that whoever got her out of the water did it at a perfect time because if she would have been under the water a little longer, it would have been a different outcome," Ashley said.

Matt celebrated his daughter's heroics on his Facebook page.

"I simply can't express how proud I am of her," he wrote.

The two families stayed in touch after the incident and even FaceTimed to celebrate Haven's fourth birthday in April.



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Haven's family is thankful for Kaydence, but Kaydence simply asserts, "It was the right thing to do."

Kaydence said the incident inspired her to get CPR training.



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