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for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives
and every day make us a little more ... human.*

Life's Faith in Humanity Edition



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Dear Friends,

Every once in a while, I come across something that restores my faith in humanity. The images below are just such a thing. My dear friend and LIFE board member, Sunny Sessa, sent them to me. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did.



"Syndrome K" was a fake disease made up by Italian doctors to save Jews who had fled to their hospital seeking protection from the Nazis. They were quarantined and the Nazis believed it was a deadly, disfiguring, and highly contagious illness.



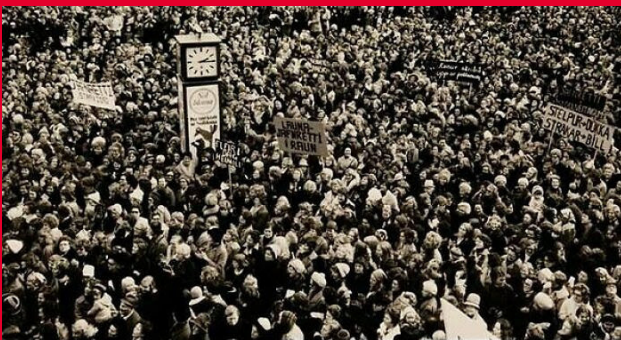
Dolly Parton has a program that will mail your child a free age-appropriate book once a month from birth to age 5. No obligation, no catch, she just wants to make sure that every child has books.



A guy named Dale Shroeder grew up poor in Iowa, never married, had no children, worked as a carpenter at the same company for 67 years, and only owned two jeans. He spent his life savings to send 22 students to college.



They say money doesn't grow on trees, but there is a dog in Columbia that would certainly argue with that. The Clever pooch started paying for biscuits with tree leaves after seeing students pass banknotes to a food stall attendant in exchange for the tasty treats. He decided to try it for himself one day, and after getting the result he wanted, he's been doing it ever since.



On October 24, 1975, the women of Iceland went on strike for equal rights. 90% of women walked off their jobs and out of their homes, shutting down the entire country. The men could barely cope. The next year, Parliament passed a law guaranteeing equal pay. Five years later, Iceland elected the world's first female President. Now Iceland has the highest gender equality in the world.



A group of women called "The 9 Nanas" kept a secret for decades, that not even their husbands knew. For 30 years, they met at 4 am and anonymously paid bills and bought clothes for people in need. Each care package came with a homemade pound cake and a note that read "Somebody loves you."



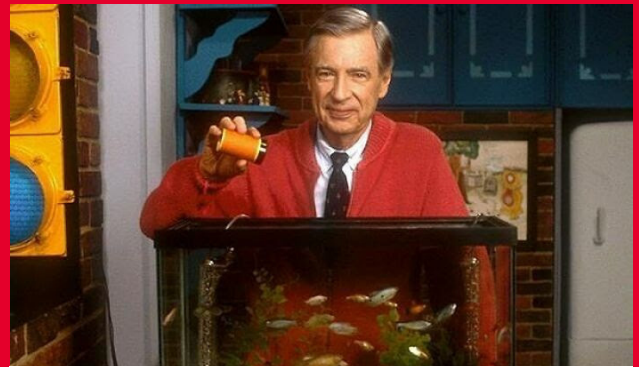
Actor Steve Buscemi was a New York City firefighter from 1980 to 1984. The day after the 9/11 attacks in New York, he returned to his old firehouse to volunteer; he worked 12-hour shifts for several days alongside other firefighters, searching for survivors in the rubble of the World Trade Center.



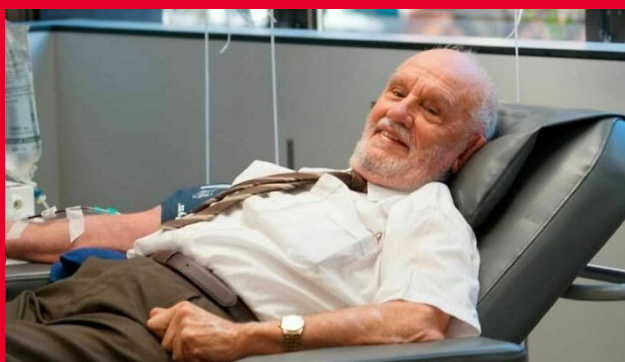
A middle school in Dallas organized a "Breakfast with Dad's" event and then realized some students lacked father figures. So, the school made a Facebook post asking for 50 volunteers. The next morning 600 men showed up to help out.



A woman named Joyce Diane became famous in the 1950s for becoming the first woman to win the game show "The \$64,000 Question," despite the fact that the show's producers did not want her to win and deliberately gave her questions perceived to be beyond her ability which she answered correctly anyway.



Mr. Rogers personally answered his fan mail. A 5-year-old blind girl once wrote him and asked him to say when he was feeding his fish because she was worried about them and couldn't see. From that moment on, every time he fed his fish, he said it out loud.



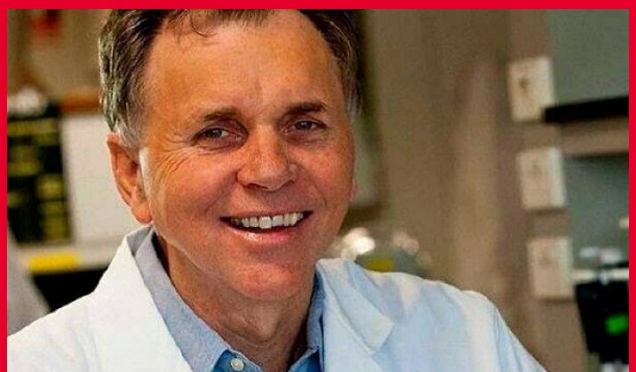
After needing 13 liters of blood for surgery at the age of 13, a man named James Harrison pledged to donate blood once he turned 18. It was discovered that his blood contained a rare antigen that cured Rhesus disease. He made over 1000 donations throughout his lifetime and saved over 2.4 million unborn babies from the condition.



'Doodlebug', an orphaned baby kangaroo, was found abandoned on the side of the road when he walked up to a human, held out his arms, and asked to be picked up. His rescuer later gave him a teddy bear, and he wouldn't stop hugging it.



It took 96 weeks and thousands of volunteers to clean up Versova Beach in Mumbai, India. The payoff? Hundred of thousands of sea turtles hatching for the first time in decades.



Dr. Barry J. Marshall was convinced that *H. pylori* bacteria causes stomach ulcers, but no one believed him. Since it was illegal to test his theory on humans, he drank the bacteria himself, developed ulcers within days, treated them with antibiotics, and went on to win a Nobel Prize.



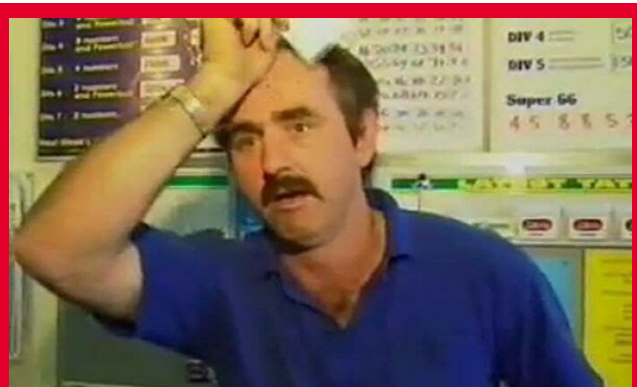
This is Anthony Borges, 15, a student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. He used his body to hold a classroom door shut, protecting 20 other students inside as the gunman fired through the door, hitting him five times.



Billy Joel never sells tickets to the front rows of his concerts. Aside from wanting to beat the scalpers, he got tired of all the bored rich people staring up at him - so now, he sends his road crew out to bring down the fans from the worst seats so there'll be "people in the front row that are really happy to be there, real fans."



After a woman was taken to the hospital with hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), two paramedics stayed behind to prepare dinner for the five kids who were still in the house. Afterward, they also did the dishes. Respect. (Eindhoven, Netherlands)



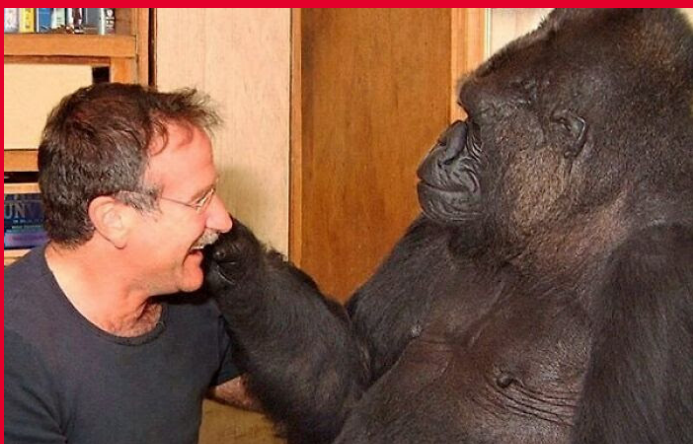
An Australian guy named Bill Morgan was declared dead for 14 minutes. He somehow survived. To celebrate his survival, he bought a scratch card & won a \$27,000 car. The media/news asked him to re-enact the scratch card moment so he bought another card & won a \$250,000 jackpot.



Super dad creates beeping Easter eggs so his visually impaired daughter can participate in Easter egg hunts.



A homeowner turned his sprinklers on before leaving to escape a Kansas wildfire. He came home to this.



Koko the gorilla met Robin Williams in 2001, and he made her smile for the first time in over 6 months. When Williams died in 2014, Koko overheard the news and signed the word "cry".

These photos speak to the resilience of the human spirit, the kindness of the human heart, and the goodness of humanity. Speaking of goodness, I thank all of you who have supported LIFE and helped thousands of people and animals in need over the last three decades.

I look forward to celebrating with you on March 26, 2023, at the 29th Annual Lady in Red Gala

Love,

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