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helping a person load large items because they were struggling

Give money to a homeless panhandler

A customer at my work gave me a Starbucks gift card because she wanted to "pay it forward".

No

people giving the homeless haircuts

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NA

holding heavy stuffs

students helping one another with homework

Charity work

Nope.

kids in dorms helping each other with homework

No

Non-store employees helping someone reach a top shelf item.

i saw people helping a blind man cross the campus to get back to his dorm.

No

no

No

I let my friend stay a couple nights when he was going through family issues

I was given extra credit by a teacher

Around Halloween, someone on my floor left out a bowl of candy for anyone to take :)

The other day, a woman did not have enough money to pay for her groceries, and the customer behind her covered the difference.

I bought all of my friends dinner by secret and was able to get the waitress to play it off and tell everyone that it was on the house. We were celebrating my friend's birthday

Granny C's bakery lawsuit comes to mind.

I saw someone give cash to a homeless person as I was driving to class

Genuinely just happens all the time

No

providing supplies to the homeless

lots of compliments

I've seen two people stall out on the road the last few weeks and people got out to help push them into a safe spot. I was buying groceries the other day and the person in front of me offered to pay for my stuff because she saw I had diapers.

mutual aid initiatives, Professors supporting their female colleagues during this turbulent time at BSU, women supporting women.

no

Boise State University allowed students to access a public pantry.

No, only bad events

in Boise state campus a lot of people always hold the doors or at least make sure that the door is open

nice sayings on post-it notes

There was a bystander on the freeway who witnessed an accident and immediately called 911

nice saying on post-it notes around campus

Someone letting me go in front of them in line today because I had only two items

I work at a gym, and the joke is that nothing ever gets stolen. Hell, I've seen people return wallets and new iPhones without so much as thinking about stealing them, just because that's the way people are around here.

picking up garbage

I saw a customer pay for the customer behind them at a coffee shop.

A car didn't slow down or stop when a girl was crossing the street and a guy pulled her out of the way

Boise State University offered a food pantry for students who need financial help or need.

Someone opened the door for me

Opening the door for others

giving

I had my hands full and was walking to a door. Before I even tried to open the door, some woman ran over and opened it for me. I use to live in California where I use to get doors slammed on me. In Boise, everyone is so kind and holds the door open for people.

An act of kindness I have recently witness was when someone dropped their belongings and someone helped.

Students opening the door for each other on campus.

People holding doors for one another Helping people who drop something by picking it up and giving it back Helping someone find something in a store (not an employee) Return dropped money to the individual/bringing it to the management in case someone is looking for it

no

no

There is a blind student on campus. I constantly see students helping him find a table in the cafeteria or his classroom.

no

A stranger paid for my coffee one morning

People hold the doors open, people smile, people say please/ thank you, people want to help (to a certain degree). I overall enjoy the people of Boise right now. (I do fear that Boise will overcrowd soon...)

My roommate helped me when I was sick

There is a visually impaired student on campus and i have often seen kids helping him get to the places that he needs.

no

people complimenting each other, opening the door for others, and being respectful.

None that ive seen

Buying a drink for the person in line behind you.

Helping homeless people

N/A; I haven't been to Boise since 2016, but don't recall seeing anything spontaneous acts of kindness. I was there for Air Force training for approximately five weeks. When I was off-base, people in general seemed kind.

People reaching out to the homeless.

people helping others when sad

A compliment from a stranger

Any part of the mutual aid to help our community currently without a home, kindness and empathy from professors and peers.

I gave this lady asking for food a rotisserie chicken on my way out of the store

N/A

A man falling off his bike on the sidewalk on a busy street and multiple cars pulling over and individuals getting out to help him.

Seeing a wave of people help out a close friend of mine by donating money for her mother to far was in the hospital.

People helping the homeless

No, I don't live in Boise and go to school online.

Yesterday, this lady was driving on the wrong side of the road, and a biker let her know. It probably saved her life.

I don't live in Boise.

no

I saw a person help an elderly man cross the road.

nope

N/A

Giving money to the homeless, holding doors

Some random person came up to my sister and told her that she looked amazing that night. She felt Insecure about what she was wearing until then.

No

people picking up trash by the river

someone returned my wallet.

n/a

no

Moving a shopping cart for someone in one of those electric ones since it was in their way

no

increase of flags in the city supporting minority groups

Person buying food for a person experiencing homelessness

I cannot recall

Students walking with and guiding another blind student in the SUB

Students in my class at BSU were really respectful when we discussed a sensitive topic.

cars yielding to let another person drive by, instead of just going in front of them.

I have witnessed someone help a disabled person put there plate away in the cafe.

no

N/A

I walked a blind man back to his dorm one night.

Drove a random class mate to her hometown for thanksgiving because her car broke down

i walked this person who was visually impaired back to his dorm.

I saw someone help an elder with their groceries

pi kappa alphas philanthropy week raised money for the boise burnout fund

A friend giving a homeless friend a place to stay until they could find an apartment

The other day I say a person giving a homeless man a blanket and a sandwich out of the kindness of their heart. Especially since it is getting cold out it only makes sense to help them out.

no

someone buying coffee for the person behind them

Just a smile goes a long way.

Not off the top of my head.

An unknown guy giving food and money to a homeless person

Our neighbor saw us trying to hang Christmas lights and he came over and helped and even let us borrow his extension cord.

Nothing really comes to mind that seems out of the ordinary. Boise is very nice city that has many charities for its homeless population.

na

N/a

Someone helped change a woman's tire on the highway

None

None

No

No

I witnessed someone break down in the middle of the street, and 3 people had stopped to help them as they were in distress and did not know what to do.

1 Refugee

Every day, on my way to work, I drive down 15th Street (under the bridge by the skatepark) and I often see people giving money or food to the homeless people that sit on the side of the road. Also, I have seen various people pay for the people behind them in lines (as a fast food worker) and have had people pay for me. I have watched people pick up trash on the sides of the roads, had people smile and say hello along the greenbelt, and had people hold doors open for me.

giving money to homeless

N/A

N/A

While I was driving one evening on Chinden, I saw a man pulled over his car and gave his jacket to another person who was walking on the rain.

No

I was turning onto a busy street and a girl let me in

My boss stays after work to cook for the homeless.

My sister gave money to a homeless veteran.

People here are very kind and respectful in your opinion.

I just saw a young guy help an older lady get all her groceries in her car a few days ago

helping a blind guy

Donation of thanksgiving food

No

Recently watched a college girl help a blind man cross the street

People buying coffee for the car behind them at a coffee shop drive through

someone returned my wallet.

People just being kind to each other, helping a blind person cross the street

No

There was a stand behind Black Rock with bouquets of flowers that said "take one, Venmo what you feel." So the flowers were technically free (my roommate vented though). This random kindness felt very representative of Boise.

Someone in front of me at a drive thru bought my coffee.

Not really

There was a stand right behind Black Rock that had bouquets of flowers and there was a sign that said "take one, Venmo what you feel." So the flowers were technically free (my roommate vented though) but I thought this kindness was just so representative of Boise.

no

my family donated \$1000 to my sorority philanthropy

no

door holding, campus food bank donations, Boiseans are almost eager to clear crosswalks and hold space for merging in intersections

No

No

None off of the top of my head, the citizens of Boise are relatively nice for the most part.

Giving money to homeless, multiple winter clothing donations, emotional support/ therapy dogs at the airport during holiday travel season.

Trash pick up

A guy fell off his skateboard, and bystanders stepped in and helped him

people picking up trash on the way to class

Someone picking up an object dropped on the street by another person who didn't realize they dropped it.

holding the door for someone

No

Nothing

I have witnessed some people helping each other with directions

Groups gather to divvy out donations to the homeless

The other day I gave a homeless person a bag of bagels.

paying for someones coffee behind you in line

No

Toys for Tots at a shopping center

Someone paying for coffee in a line at Sbox, letting cars in during busy traffic. That's all I've seen lately.

I was eating a burger outside of Bad Boys on vista over the summer, when a lady (possibly homeless) went up to the order window and asked for a cup of water. The girl at the window gave her the water and then asked if she had had anything to eat. The lady answered no and the girl working at the counter gave her a free burger and fries. The lady was so appreciative. I thought it was super nice of the worker to do that, she was young - definitely high school or college aged.

Helping someone parallel park and someone helping another person pick something up.

No

Someone helping another person in downtown pickup their spilled groceries when they slipped.

Someone buying food for the homeless.

People holding doors open, everybody saying hello to each other, etc.

I got into a fender bender while Doordashing and the people who were around when the accident happened helped me, they helped me file a complaint with BPD, and helped tie some of my stuff together so that I could make it home.

Not particularly but I know it has happened in my presence

None.

After someone flew off a scooter on the sidewalk, I witnessed two people offer to help with first aid.

Paying for my drink in a drive through line

No

Not off the top of my head. I feel like I see so many kind acts in Boise that they don't really stand out to me anymore.

n/a

Just opening the door for people

Charities and Food Drives

Professors helping students with things they dont have to. Taking the extra time to really make sure students are okay.

Feeding Homeless

There was 2 mothers and about 4 children roaming around the sub a few weeks ago handing out little clear baggies with candy and a nice note basically saying you can do anything and they believe in me. Made my day!!

none

i think it's very nice when people just smile at each other while walking through campus. a quick smile can go a long ways for some people.

people pulling over to help someones car on the side of the road

My friend (Boise native) offered to help me with anything since my boyfriend just had an emergency surgery

Someone paying for a strangers food

Helping clean off the streets and helping the poor.

Paying for another's coffee

No

Changing of a tire

Someone picking up something for someone that they dropped on the street.

Giving homeless people meals, giving someone a ride, buying someone lunch

Giving money to someone who was hungry

None recently

No

I work at a coffee shop, and having people come through drive through and pay for the car behind them a regular act I get to see almost on the daily

At a recent event, my friend noticed that I won a raffle prize, but I didn't hear the announcement. He took my prize and brought it over to be with a big smile on his face and said, "Did you hear?! You won!" It was so nice of him. :)

Donation drives

People who move off the trail cheerfully when I ask to pass on my bike.

My neighbor dropped off extra tomatoes from his garden

patron at Dawson Taylor downtown talking calmly to a mentally disturbed person

A guy in front of me at the grocery store paid for groceries for the person in front of him who could not pay for all the groceries and was having to put some items back.help the homeless

People spontaneously will say Hi or Good Afternoon by just taking a look at them or giving them a Hi & they always say Hi back.

I saw a man drop his wallet at Target and a man behind him went out of his way to return it.

Holding the door or elevator for a stranger

A pay it forward chain at starbucks, a group of ladies picking up trash at the park

Students helping a fellow blind student navigate his way.

people holding doors giving strangers compliments and paying it forward... ie: buying agra gets coffee etc

People bring up my trash cans. Very friendly all the time . Cooked meals when husband sick.

A woman held the door for me bc she saw I had a baby

Neighbors helping out at the Goose Creek fire.

No

Pay it forward in drive through when another car purchases food for a stranger; stranger stopping to help us with a broken down vehicle

Lately? No. I haven't been out and about much.

Groups going to Hospitals to show appreciation for health care workers.

picking up litter. letting someone in line. being kind and friendly

Giving to homelesa

strangers help pushing a car, folks on "poop duty" on the trails

Someone helping me out of a tight parking spot

Person at the dog park ran after and captured someone's dog that got away from them. Also, neighbors helping neighbors when foothills fire broke out this month, potentially putting lives and property in danger. Neighbors helped others evacuate people and pets, plus used hoses to try to dampen areas around the houses that could have been burned.

A mom got off an airplane and forgot her stroller. Another passenger told the mom that she would get it for her.

I saw someone help with groceries, and someone help a cyclist

Extra concert tickets left for pay it forward

Saw someone picking up trash in the park.

Holding the door. Picking up something for a person who dropped it

My neighbor came and scrubbed my driveway when an F bomb was painted on it during the election because I had a Trump flag in my yard.

People are very good at helping animals in need

Traffic stopping to accommodate an elder crossing the street, blankets being delivered to Corpus Christi house

Signage supportive of health care workers

Letting someone behind you go first in grocery store.

Giving \$\$

I witness acts of niceness/kindness most every day. From smiles to paying it forward to donations, etc.

holding the door for someone to enter in front of you, allowing someone to go ahead of u in line, a cashier noticing I was having anxiety about running very late that they opened a register just for me.

Someone offering to take a picture of me with family

Neighbor made gorgeous bouquets from cut flowers in her garden and put about 10 out on the side walk with a note to take one. I took one and shared the story and showed off the bouquet with my next zoom meeting. Later I saw my middle-school neighbor biking home, with a bouquet in one hand (for his mom!!). That small act spread lots of joy.

Taking off shoes and socks to open a car that is stuck in deep water

I locked myself out of my car. The man who came to open my door was able to reach in the slightly open rear window and unlock the door— something I had not been able to do. When I was ready to pay the stayed cost for his service, he said he didn't feel right charging me because he solved my problem in less than 10 seconds... he hadn't even gotten his tools out of his car. For me, his generosity turned a bad situation into one of renewed faith in the goodness of people. I gave the man a good tip but his action was worth more than any money I might've given him.

Allowing cars onto busy streets

Somone paid for my groceries.

AAA was very nice and helpful, who else carries printed maps?!

my neighbor mentioned we should get together

Being nice to others everyday

Helping up someone who had fallen.

Only acts of indifference or abuse

Not in Boise. Recently witnessed two acts of kindness in Thermopolis, Wyoming.

People sharing what they have through Buy Nothing groups

Yes

Not lately

Tipping more than the normal amount for food servers.

Helping an older lady who tripped on sidewalk with getting up and picking up her groceries.

Neighbors sharing fruit and veggies from gardens, helping elderly persons with lawn work, and bringing items from store for those sick at home with Covid. Neighbors all looking for a lost child. Neighbors helping find lost pets. Persons helping others at grocery store with heavy items or helping shoppers to find items. Wallet being returned when left at post office - complete, with everything inside. Bank tellers calling me by name. Too many to list!

No

People helping to put out the Goose Creek fire

No

Trash cans / newspapers. Brought to residence

Everyone stopping their auto for young kids to cross a street.

People helping stranded owl on freeway

My neighbors went out and dug goathead weeds

Neighbors helping each other during the fire in Eagle

Someone paid for mine and a friend's soda.

too many to list...recently, the lifeguards at the Downtown YMCA are patient with elderly members...really patient. :)

Neighbors helping with elderly neighbors needs/ Coffee paid for in Drive thru / returning grocery cart for someone /

Stopping for a pedestrian at a crosswalk

Buying lunch for a Vietnam Veteran anonymously when out to eat. Had the waitress put his meal on our tab.

None first-hand.

Families bring food and treats to healthcare workers, social media posts of appreciation, helping move a stranded car to the roadside, opening doors, allowing others to go first

Yesterday evening there was a woman huddled at a corner outside 36th street Albertsons as it was getting dark and cold. I asked her if I could help her and she said she was cold. I ran home and came back 15 min later with a blanket and a coat, but someone else had already provided her with a warm coat and she told me she didn't need the blanket.

buying lunch for health care workers

Two people helped my friend when she fell and her bike landed on top of her.

A lady paid for another ladies items at the store because the lady was short.

Donations to the Closet non profit organization helping teens

None

Often wallets are returned with no missing items/cash

People helping others with vehicular problems, pushing, tire changing, giving someone an umbrella when they are caught in the rain

Inviting strangers to join in a game, picking up something someone else dropped, etc.

Paying for the next person in line's coffee/ect.; giving goods to people in need; giving someone a hug when theyve had a rough day or bad news.

I have only witnessed road rage increasing, people yelling at others, and general anger WAY more than I have ever witnessed before.

Outpouring of support for our healthcare workers during the COVID crisis; random homeless person helping a cyclist when they crashed in Boise; hearing that TreeFort 2021 was fun, safe and people were caring for eachother by being kind and following the health protocols.

No

none. in fact, quite the opposite spontaneous acts.

person helped an older gentleman find missing eye glasses in park

Doors being held open, being let into traffic, pay it forward at a drive-thru

I saw someone help another change a tire on the side of the road.

I see it all of the time, but I know of a citizen that payed for dental restoration for a McDonald's worker because the McD's employee brightened her day every day. This was done anonymously and she just wanted to help her brighten her smile.

Paid an elderly couples lunch tab.

People in drive throughs paying for the person behind them

Holding a door open. Offering to lend someone something in need.

为新冠故去的人捐款

Car gives way when people crossing as always

People always help me load the heavy stuff every time I'm in the parking lot in HD/Lowe's, etc

A couple that my elderly mother and I did not know bought our dinner as a random act of kindness

Sustainability efforts during events, volunteer clean-ups at Anne Frank Memorial

NO. Boise has become an un-nice place. People are rude, the traffic behavior is unkind. And people are willing to use their bodies against me and my health in not wearing masks and getting vaccinated. That is a huge threat to "niceness" when your very health is imperiled by your fellow citizens.

No, pandemic isolation

Saw someone helping another person change a flat tire on the freeway today.

Too much nice things to say

My 39 yr old son is dying of ALS and his Home Healthcare nurse brought me a bouquet of roses on her 2nd visit to our home. She went out of her way to show empathy for the stress I've been going through for 2 years as my son's constant caregiver.

Giving cash to a homeless person, offering a new mask to patron who needed it, letting someone in to a lane during high traffic

Our team at the restaurant I work for pooled together to help a team member who was having medical issues to monetarily help out.

People stoping in traffic to give money to someone in need. Someone picking up trash in a parking lot as they headed into a store.

Cashier at Albertsons helped an older woman with her card- stood next to her & helped

Support our health care workers signs going up around town

Boise has changed. It's make believe nice

People look each other in the eye and say hello to strangers.

Letting people cross in a parking lot, letting someone enter or exit on Eagle Rd.

No

Yes a guy gave my wife 50 bucks for my kids clothes for no reason.

Someone pulled over to help someone else broken down on the road.

None

Goathead fest was a fun healthy accepting event.

When my car broke down, multiple people stopped and offered to help me.

Watched friend help another friend get a job

Pedestrian fell on sidewalk. Helped by folks to get help.

People showing support to our health care workers.

Helping a driver w a stalled car at an intersection - someone staying w a driver involved in an accident

I can't think of any? I've been away camping.

A teenager offering to help a semi elderly woman transfer groceries from her cart to her car.

Someone helping an elderly woman with her groceries

None. Boise is so divided right now.

No

Friends collecting household items for new Afghan refugees.

Healthcare workers, teachers, etc. Continuing to serve the community at risk to their own health

Picking up a dropped \$20 bill and letting the owner know he had dropped it from his pocket. Paying for a stranger's order.

Creating Native Voices videos for 4th grade

People providing money to people who run short in a store/grocery.

No

A ladies car broke down and people assisted pushing it out-of-the-way and conducting traffic so no one got hit

People helping older people in a grocery store get things for their cart

I was at a H.S. football game at the concession stand yesterday when a little girl at the counter realized she only had enough \$ for one bag of popcorn but needed two. When the HS student working the counter gave her the bad news, I just offered to pick up the extra bag on my tab, paid and walked away. She did thank me, but it really wasn't necessary considering she was probably only 5 or 6 years old & trying to navigate the buying process with no parent obviously nearby.

picking up trash while hiking

Thank you notes and gifts to health providers. Neighbors helping other neighbors paint their house. People sharing garden produce with others.

Nope

I have often witnessed Boiseans step up and assist neighbors and even strangers in need with GoFund me pledges or other material support.

Giving directions to someone who was lost; taking shopping cart back for an elderly shopper; explaining confusing directions

Drag queens stopping their speeches at Pride to get to know children and thank them for coming to pride events.

Someone paid for groceries for someone in line at the grocery store

I have often seen drivers stop for people in crosswalks. (It's state law, but people don't always do it.) A neighbor brought my garbage cans up from the street after trash day. I see people being kind every day, but more and more I am worried that I also see people being nasty. One act of kindness - to wear a mask when around others. Even if you don't feel that it is necessary to do, it makes other people feel comfortable and that's a nice thing to do for someone.

Leaving snacks and drinks out for delivery people to partake of.

Woman's car stalled on Myrtle near the busy Broadway intersection. A man got out of his car and helped a police officer push the car and the woman safely across the intersection into a parking lot

I probably have but cannot think of it at the moment

People supporting businesses that have experienced rude/aggressive behavior from other people who disagreed with the business owners' choice to establish pandemic-related safety protocols.

Hotels opening to the homeless to help with the pandemic

I'm sure I have seen some, but none come to mind at the time of this survey.

Letting someone in while driving

Opening doors for others when they are behind me

Sharing a table with strangers at Big City Coffee.

Helping others' with groceries/large packages; moving tables to accommodate new members to a group; airline boarding not being a hassle and easy support for others who are less mobile or handling children

Thank you's for these kinds of acts are posted almost every day on Next Door

Rourke went out of his way to find me a towel at the gym! The cashier at the grocery store watched my cart/purse as my daughter ran to the other side of the building. Bikers in the foothills moved aside for walkers when often I see the opposite.

Smiling and waving at strangers on streets or store; helping a stranger load heavy objects (a bag of soil, building blocks, etc.) into her car

Looking for lost cat everywhere in the neighborhood

Held the door open for me while I was sdfsd awsd sdf