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You Never Know...

The following posting from The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation website was shared with me recently. Oftentimes we look at our lives and each other with a "glass half-empty" attitude. Complaints. Stress. Pointing fingers. Yet, we don't know what is going on in someone else's life. This is a wonderful example of neighbors reaching out to each other and making their neighborhood a better place to live.

My neighbors are angels
Submitted By: Beth N

I was young when I bought this first home in a not-so-good of a neighborhood. Everyone warned me that things would be stolen from my back yard, crimes committed, etc.

Well, most of my neighbors on my street turned out to be elderly, and they've shown that others are so wrong about how my community really is. My street is quiet and everyone keeps to themselves, and I hardly know anyone by their names, but they are definitely angels. It started three years ago when I was hospitalized for 8 months. My yard got neglected, and no one was able to cut it for me, not to mention I was unconscious and unable to hire someone. Instead of complaining to the state about me, and not even really knowing where I was (they guessed I was sick, but didn't know for sure), they took it upon themselves to clean up my whole yard and maintain it for the entire summer, even after I got home. My yard is HUGE, and very hard to keep up with, but every weekend they were here cutting it. I was so shocked, nowadays people are more prone to just complain and not waste their time to think that there might actually be a problem with the person. I now serve on the board for the civic association, and I always share this story any time a person comes to the meetings to complain of what they think was "neglected on purpose" properties.

As Spring is starting to bloom, think about ways we might be better neighbors to each other. Sometimes, the smallest (and most inexpensive) gifts are the most valuable.

~ Randy Allman

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