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This is our 15th edition of Good News Sunday Fairfield. We want to continue bringing you good and heartwarming stories in these difficult times.

A restaurant in Texas named Bella Italia Ristorante lost power but it still had gas for cooking. While the restaurant was closed to the public, they were giving out spaghetti and lasagna to people in need. “We couldn’t sit back and do nothing when our community is hurting,” the restaurant stated. “People were saying this is was their first hot meal in two to three days,” Ari Isufaj the owner of the restaurant said. If you want to help feed people in need you can sign up to [Lasagna Love](#).

You might not know it but 2% to 3% of children don’t have beds. This is not a well-known problem but one organization is trying to solve it. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an organization that is building bunk beds for kids who need it. They were established in 2012 and were registered as a nonprofit in 2014. They help people after disasters like hurricanes by using a Disaster Relief Fund that they have. They work nationwide and in Canada, Bermuda and the Bahamas. They have nearly 200 chapters and have made over 65,000 beds. According to their website not having a bed to sleep on can affect their happiness and health. If you want to help go to [Home|Sleep in Heavenly Peace \(shpbeds.org\)](http://shpbeds.org).

Recently a 2-year-old kid named Grayson was having a bad day at school. He and his mom, Natasha Kable Fogle, went to Party City to pick up things for valentine day. While checking out Grayson said hi to the cashier and she hi to him which his mom says doesn’t happen enough. The cashier asked Grayson what his favorite color was. “Yellow” he said so the clerk gave him a yellow balloon. It made his day his mom later said in a Facebook post. Natasha wanted to say thanks to the clerk. Inspired by the story people in their community decided to start the Yellow Balloon Challenge where you make people smile or find ways to make them happy like shoveling their driveway. We challenge you to get the Yellow Balloon Challenge going in Fairfield.

Black History Month

To finish up February, Black History Month we want to celebrate a few more people.

George Washington Carver

- Born in slavery in Jul 12, 1864
- His father died when he was born and his mother was kidnapped
- So, his owners raised him but he soon got sick and Susan Carver taught him about planets
- His neighbors and farmers would ask him for advice for plants and gardens etc.
- He first studied how soil affects crops yields
- He got a master's degree and went to another school to teach
- He did a test on nitrogen-fixing and saw that one of the crops that stood out was peanuts
- He encouraged crop rotation and taught many farmers and gave the tips
- Then he started to make peanut products like
 - Soap
 - Paper
 - Lotion
 - Flour
 - Soup and much more
- He died Jan 05, 1943

Jackie Robinson

- Born in Jan 31, 1919 and his father abandoned his family
- He played four sports: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Track
- He met Branch Rickey and got on the Brooklyn Dodgers becoming the first African American to play Major League Baseball
- He played his first game for the Dodgers on April 15, 1947.
- People would be very rude to Jackie and tried to hurt him but he did not fight with them. He was still calm even when he got death threats.
- He worked hard and was the rookie of the year. Then fans liked him.
- When he retired at age 37 in 1956 professional baseball teams had different races playing
- Jackie Robinson broke the racial barrier in Major League Baseball

The winner of the research poll was Eleanor K.! Water for South Sudan

The research topic Eleanor chose was Water for South Sudan.

Did you know that in Africa women spend 40 billion hours a year trying to get clean water? And in South Sudan at least 50% of the population lacks access to safe water? In addition to water shortages and long droughts the population of South Sudan struggles with nutrition, health and violence problems. One good news is that in 2003 Salva Dut founded the non-profit Water for South Sudan to get clean and safe water. They have dug/made 459 wells with clean, safe water! They also have rehabbed 174 wells and gave 442 hygiene trainings! They have done so much to help but there is still a lot more to go.

if you donate you can help them archive their goal. For more about donating visit their website

www.waterforsouthsudan.org

Quote of the week.

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."
 - Jackie Robinson

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."
 - George Washington Carver

"With hope, faith, and perseverance you can accomplish anything. I urge you to just keep walking and when you fall, remember me."
 - Water For South Sudan Founder Salva Dut

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Announcements

Have you wanted to write a newsletter? Well now's your chance! We will be now accepting guest writers to help us with good news and so they can express themselves. Kids of all ages welcome to contribute. Go to [Special events — Good News Sunday Fairfield](#) to sign up.

We are now on Facebook! Follow us; @GoodNewsSundayFairfield



ConnectFairfield Scavenger Hunt

This community FUN-raiser takes place throughout the entire town of Fairfield, CT, using Eventzee, a free mobile app. The challenge begins on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, and ends March 31, 2021. \$30/per team, which includes a virtual goodie bag plus the chance to win lots of cool prizes! A portion of proceeds benefits the St. Baldrick's Foundation / Team Teddy. SIGN UP TODAY!

Tickets here: [Tickets!!!!!!!!!!](#) Follow @FairfieldNewcomers.

A different type of book club is a book club that meets every month and focuses on a specific genre each month. There is no book reading required. The next meeting is on March 1. To register go to [Virtual: A Different Kind of Book Club \(Short Stories\) | Fairfield Public Library \(librarymarket.com\)](#).

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