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This is our 31<sup>st</sup> edition of Good News Sunday Fairfield. We want to continue bringing you good news and heartwarming stories in these difficult times.

Verda Tetteh was going to Harvard University. During graduation Verda won a \$40,000 scholarship for general excellency! During her speech she did something unexpected. Verda gave her \$40,000 scholarship to kids who would go to community college! This was a very selfless act and received a standing ovation and praise from the principal. "Someone else needs it more than me, and there was just was no excuse why I wouldn't give it up when that was the right thing to do," Verda said to NBC Boston. If you want to help someone with college expenses donate to [Fundraiser for school](#)

Joe is homeless and slept at a bus stop. When Joe met Lex, he needed a haircut because his hair was getting long and tickling his ears. Little did he know that Lex was a barber and had just passed her barber exam and had her equipment in the car. She gave Joe a haircut. Lex said that a near-death experience in 2016 made her look at life differently. "Having a second chance at life, it's just sympathy and compassion and even having an understanding for others, no matter the situation." Lex said. Luckily, she survived after an 8-hour surgery and 10-day hospital stay. "I've gotten so much love from just helping Joe, it's almost unbelievable that there is love out here in a world of so much negativity and so many shootings and killings," Lex will also help Joe whenever she can.

Isaac Sanchez broke his knee in February and the later fell ill. Hospital bills stacked up and soon he was in debt. The only way he made money was from his car that he used to deliver for Papa John's and has been doing it for 15 years. Unfortunately, a group of thieves tried to steal a part from his car and that didn't work but they did damage it and later it caught fire. Thankfully Sullins, the president of the Pappa John, heard what happened and wanted to help so he gave him a new car! "He's such a great employee, I just like to say thank you for staying with Papa John's. Thank you for all you do." Sullins said.

## Research

### Pride Month – LGBTQ+ activists

#### Ellen DeGeneres

Ellen DeGeneres is the host of the Ellen Show. She is an LGBTQ+ activist and supporter. She fought for the rights of LGBTQ+. On her show (The Ellen Show) she raises awareness for the LGBTQ+ and donates a lot. She even got awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom by former President Mr. Barack Obama. Ellen has a kind heart and is a great person.

#### Laverne Cox

Laverne Cox is best known as an actor in a Netflix movie called “Orange Is the New Black” and stands for LGBTQ+ rights. She also stands for rights of people of color. Being transgender did not stop her from reaching her dreams and being an actor and she turned out to be the first transgender person to win the Emmy. She was very proud.

#### Lena Waithe

In 2017 Lena Waithe was the first black woman to win the Emmy. She was an actress, writer and producer so she deserved that Emmy. When she got on stage to say her speech, she talked about the LGBTQ+ community. Lena Waithe uses important moments and events to talk about LGBTQ+ community. Lena Waithe is a huge LGBTQ+ supporter.

You can be an LGBTQ+ activist or supporters like the people above. You can hang up the rainbow flag, donate to causes that support the LGBTQ+ community, being inclusive, raising awareness and speak up against prejudice and support LGBTQ+ in anyway possible.

### Did you know?

- In June 2015 Supreme Judges [Anthony Kennedy](#), [Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#), [Stephen Breyer](#), [Sonia Sotomayor](#) and [Elena Kagan](#) made same-sex marriage a constitutional right
- In November, 2008 same-sex marriage became legal in CT



### Juneteenth

Juneteenth just became a federal Holiday. Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19. Yesterday was Juneteenth so we hope you celebrated it but if you don't know what it is, we will tell you. Juneteenth day is also known as Freedom Day. It was first celebrated in Texas. Juneteenth commemorates the enslaved people being free at last.

**Quote of the week.**

“The things that make us different, those are our superpowers”  
- Lena Waithe

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**Summer**

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POPSICLE  
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POOL  
ICECREAM  
WATERMELON  
SWIMSUIT  
CAMPING

## Announcements

Today is the first day of summer! It is the equinox, today has the most sunlight in the year. The earth is the farthest from the sun at this time. This is because of the tilt of the earth. As the earth spins it turns unevenly and creates summer for the side pointing to the sun and winter to the one pointing away. Since the Northern Hemisphere is pointing the sun it has summer even though it is farther away from the sun.

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Today is Father's Day. Father's Day is all about spending time and honoring dads. Father's Day was created by Sonora Smart Dodd. She was attending the first Mother's Day ceremony and wondered why there wasn't a day to honor dads. She did this specifically to honor her dad that was a single veteran who raised 6 children. She raised support for her idea and soon the first statewide Father's Day in Washington on June 19, 1910 was created. In 1924 president Calvin Coolidge encouraged all the states to observe the holiday. Then in 1966 president Lyndon Johnson proclaimed the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. And finally in 1972 president Richard Nixon made it a permanent national holiday. Luckily Sonora was still alive to see the fruits of her labor.

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On this day (June 20) ...

In 1214 the University of Oxford got their charter.

In 1789 the Tennis Court Oath was sworn. The oath said that the French revolution wouldn't disband until there is a new constitution.

In 1791 the French royal family was caught trying to flee the country during the revolution. This seriously undermined their credibility.

In 1867 president Andrew Jackson announces the Alaska purchase.

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