

# Chick-fil-A manager changes tire in parking lot for 'shaking, almost in tears' 96-yr-old WWII vet

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Though

hateful critics (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2015/04/02/chick-fil-a-all-over-again-gay-conservative-talk-show-host-bashes-gay-fascist-bullies-191824>)

constantly falsely accuse Chick-fil-A of being an

intolerant, bigoted (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2019/03/31/chick-fil-a-pulled-from-another-airport-a-week-after-backlash-in-texas-fascist-abuse-of-power-starting-to-scare-people-739101>)

restaurant chain, time and time again the uber popular eatery has defied its left-wing haters by demonstrating what real tolerance, kindness and empathy look like.

Such was the case this week at a Chick-fil-A in Maryland, where on Thursday a distraught senior citizen waltzed into the restaurant “shaking, almost in tears” over his flat tire.

But that upset man, known as Mr. Lee, wasn't just any senior citizen — just as that restaurant's manager, Daryl Howard, wasn't just any manager.

Mr. Lee was in fact a 96-year-old World War II veteran, and that veteran needed some help, pronto.

“He was shaking, almost in tears saying he barely made it to the store on three tires because one was bad,” another manager, Rudy Somoza, said (<https://www.cnn.com/2019/07/12/us/chick-fil-a-veteran-flat-tire-trnd/index.html>) to CNN. “As soon as he finished his sentence, Daryl informed me he needed to help this gentleman right now. So, Daryl jumped into action without hesitation.”

And then this happened:

If you have a tear in your eye right now, you're not alone ...

According to Somoza, it took Howard roughly 15 minutes to change the tire. During that time, he snapped photos while Howard wasn't looking.

"His action of kindness was beautiful. Daryl has always been so helpful to anyone in need and deserves this recognition," he reportedly said to CNN.

It's a small act of kindness, for sure, but it's also a microcosm of Chick-fil-A's whole philosophy, which, according to the company's corporate mission statement, is "[t]o glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come into contact with Chick-fil-A."

Yes, Chick-fil-A is a Christian business – one that closes shop every Sunday so that employees may rest and worship, and one whose CEO, Dan Cathy, privately believes in traditional marriage.

And it's because of this Christian foundation – which, to be clear, has never once affected how the business treats both its employees and its customers – that critics have and continue to lambaste Chick-fil-A as an allegedly hateful, if not outright evil, organization.

Never mind its lengthy history of actions just like those taken by Howard.

### **Support/Respect For Cops**

As the funeral procession for a deceased local officer in Griffin, Georgia rolled by the town's Chick-fil-A in 2014, the restaurant

suspended its service (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2014/06/19/chick-fil-a-shows-haters-how-to-have-respect-126415>)

out of respect for the fallen.

"Chick-Fil-A of Griffin Dwarf House will suspend all transactions as the funeral procession for Officer Kevin Jordan passes our location Monday afternoon, June 9th. Thank you for helping us pay respect to our fallen officer," a sign placed on the drive-thru window read.

Following the murder of five Dallas police officers two years later in 2016, employees at one of the chain's franchises in Texas began donning

"Back the Blue" t-shirts (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2016/07/10/chick-fil-as-act-of-support-for-cops-could-be-considered-real-act-of-courage-363046>)

to "show our support for Police Lives Matter" because "they are out on our streets every day."



After one officer was killed and four others wounded

during an ambush (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2018/01/02/ok-momma-just-happy-colorado-deputys-toddler-comforts-tearful-mother-vigil-582876>)

in the Colorado town of Park Meadows last year, a local Chick-fil-A

opened its doors (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2018/01/03/chick-fil-opened-doors-sunday-reason-brings-tear-eye-blue-lives-matter-supporter-583768>)

– despite the shooting having occurred on a Sunday – to feed first responders.

### **Taking Care Of Stranded Passengers**

In December of 2017, during the height of winter, Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport experienced a major power outage that left thousands of passengers stranded.

Though the outage occurred on a Sunday, guess which "hateful" company

rushed to the rescue (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2017/12/18/power-goes-atlanta-airport-chick-fil-one-thing-blows-everybody-away-577445>)

again:

*Update: Power has been restored to Concourses A, B, F, T and the @ATLairport ([https://twitter.com/ATLairport?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/ATLairport?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)) atrium. We have provided 2,000 meals so far. Special thank you to Dan Cathy and @ChickfilA ([https://twitter.com/ChickfilA?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/ChickfilA?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)) for their support. #atlairport ([https://twitter.com/hashtag/atlairport?src=hash&ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/hashtag/atlairport?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw))*

*– Kasim Reed (@KasimReed)*

*December 18, 2017 ([https://twitter.com/KasimReed/status/942613037986525184?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/KasimReed/status/942613037986525184?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw))*

## **Taking Care Of The Homeless**

Even the homeless have

benefited from Chick-fil-A's kindness (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2015/01/11/chick-fil-a-act-of-kindness-brings-national-attention-to-modest-restaurateur-171888>)

Flash back to 2015, when a homeless man entered an Alabama Chick-fil-A late at night to seek warmth from frigid winter weather. Instead of ushering the man out, manager Mark Meadows made him an offer he couldn't refuse. Andrea Stoker, a local who witnessed what happened, was stunned.

"My son and I were at the location on Highway 280 in Birmingham, AL when a man came in to escape the 35 degree temps and strong winds with all of his earthly possessions strapped to his back," she wrote in a viral Facebook post at the time.

"Most businesses would force him out, but I watched as the manager walked up to him and asked if he could do anything for him. Before the man could even answer, the manager asked if he had a pair of gloves and walked to the table at which he'd been sitting and picked up his own. As he handed the man his gloves, he asked another employee to get him something to eat."

"It was wonderful to see your employees being the hands and feet of Jesus, and that my son was able to witness it all. Thank you for putting your money where your mouth is. Edit: I just learned this man is the owner and that makes it even better IMO."

Look:

*I'm a Chick-fil-A fan and have been for years. I trust the food for my son and support companies that are founded on...*

*Posted by Andrea Stoker on*

*Wednesday, January 7, 2015 ([https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=919102291443013&set=o.21543405100&type=3)*

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THIS is the true nature of Chick-fil-A. And so is

this (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2016/06/14/chick-fil-orlando-massacre-flooding-news-know-not-352228>) and

this (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2015/08/14/you-wont-believe-what-this-chick-fil-a-owner-did-for-his-employees-237316#comment-783557>)

and



this (<https://www.bizpacreview.com/2015/01/11/chick-fil-a-act-of-kindness-brings-national-attention-to-modest-restaurateur-171888>)

. But you won't hear about any of this from the restaurant's critics, because all they have eyes for is Chick-fil-A's allegedly hateful, bigoted and evil religious beliefs.

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