# **Quote of the Month**

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Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friends, it softens hearts and molds friendships that can last a lifetime. -Joseph B. Wirthlin

#### **Upcoming Dates**

January 11: December Payments (K-8) February 9: January Payments (K-8) March 9: February Payments (K-8) April: Evaluation of 9-12 participants (continuation / removal) April: Semester Payments (9-12)

### **College Park Christian Academy**

Jim is a family friend and church member, and has now been Alyssa's mentor for 2 years. He and Alyssa have a special friendship! He comes over to her house every Thursday and has dinner with the family and spends time with Alyssa doing various activities. Jim is blind, but that doesn't stop him from doing anything he wants! He lives alone in his house, he mows his own lawn, plants flowers, and is great at fixing anything. He even helped Alyssa's dad fix the mower when it was broken in the past. Alyssa has learned so much from him and they way he lives his life. Jim has taught Alyssa that she can do anything she sets her mind to no matter what obstacles get in the way.

Alyssa and Jim have movie nights and he loves when Alyssa reads him Junie B. Jones books. He thinks they're funny and she loves them too. They have game nights where he brings over games like UNO, Scrabble, and dominos to play with Alyssa. The coolest thing about it is they are in braille and he has taught Alyssa how to read some of it. Jim came over to their house for Christmas and brought everyone a gift, including the family dog Benji!

Jim teaches Alyssa to put God first and to always obey her parents. They get along so well sometimes Alyssa just calls him up to talk about her day at school. Her family is very thankful for the opportunity PFE has given Alyssa to create a long lasting friendship with



## Loma Linda Academy

"My name is Tommy. I'm a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Loma Linda Academy in California. I have known my mentor, Ms. Ivonne, for four years. I usually help her with chores around her home and yard. Today, my visit was very different.

I rang the doorbell - no answer. I called her phone - no answer. I assumed she was sleeping or didn't hear me since she has some hearing deficits. I began to knock on her bedroom window. Both of her dogs were barking loudly, but still no answer. I became worried so I called her landlord asking if she had an extra key so we could check on Ms. Ivonne. The landlord came to the house, but her key didn't work. I found an open window, crawled in, and found Ms. Ivonne collapsed on the floor. I lifted her on to a chair and asked what happened. She had fallen the day before. She had spent 19 hours on the hard floor, unable to move, because her leg was deformed.



Ms. Ivonne has had surgery but can't come home yet because she needs frequent physical therapy and wound care for the pressure sores. Unfortunately, she has also tested positive for COVID 19. Until I can see her again, I'm spending time taking care of her home and yard."

The SFFC Foundation Team and the Loma Linda Academy PFE Team, are so thankful for Tommy's persistence in checking on his mentor when she didn't answer the door. Thank you, Tommy, for being your mentor's angel.

# November K-8 Statistics

Participating Schools: 131 Participating Students: 913 Hours in Visits: 3,078 Total Scholarship Earned: \$76,686

New Schools Joining in 2021 Grades K-8: 4 Grades 9-12: 5

# **Visit Suggestion**

Make a family tree of you or your mentor. Start from scratch with a pen and paper or use a template from the internet (example below).



## **Goodies Coming Your Way!**

Schools, be on the lookout for an upcoming package containing a New Year's gift to participating students from your PFE Administration Team. The return address will read Nickelman, a partnering company of SFFC Foundation.



