

A Surprise Package of Mercy

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"Dude, a package arrived at my house and it was for me! Mom, Grandma Yei sent me a package!" I shouted. When I tore open the wrapping paper and the box, I discovered a white envelope was written: To Derek/Use the money wisely.

Quickly, I tore open the envelope and discovered five \$100 bills. My excitement of happiness made me feel faint!

"What are you going to do with the money Derek?" questioned my mom with a grin.

"I don't know!" I answered in a shocked voice.

Numerous ways of spending the money surrounded my head. Hmmmm ...buy new Scholastic books, a drawing kit, a new basketball, a gigantic Pokernon stuffed toy for my brother Cody, or a wallet for my dad.

"Mom! Will my \$500 be able to buy all these items? I asked her.

"Maybe you can buy new Scholastic books or you can buy a drawing kit," answered Mom.

"Wait a minute Mom, What if I go to the 99 cents store and purchase all my items then send them to the Red Cross for the people hit by Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Harvey? Those kids living in shelters have nothing to do. Maybe with my help, the kids will feel a little better," I suggested.

"That's a great idea!" Mom replied surprisingly. "I'll take you to the 99 cents store right now."

After my mom and I got to the 99 cents store, we went to buy our items. Shoppers in the store thought we were doing our Christmas shopping early. When we got home, Mom told me how my great idea was going to affect people who were in Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. The next day, we donated all our items to the Red Cross. On the way home, we had a talk.

"Wow, thanks Mom," I told her. "Thanks for helping go shopping and then taking the item to the Red Cross Center.

"No problem" Mom replied. Maybe we can donate more items to the Red Cross."

So whenever I needed help again my Mom will always be on my side. What a lucky kid I am.