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Giving Back To the Community

When disaster strikes, terrorizing thousands of people in its wake, there is always acts of kindness and generosity found upon the mist of despair. There are always efforts made by strangers to aid the recovery of families who will never know the name of their relievers. Such acts can be driven by a strong motivation or simply by a will to help. Why do people do so much for nothing? Well, why wouldn't they?

“Giving back to your community” sounds as if it takes up time and energy. However, simple acts and refrains suffice just as well as a lavish donation, which are also warmly welcome. Picking up after your dog and actually holding your garbage and gum until you see a trash can helps your community's sanitation. Volunteer work within certain clubs is beneficiary to certain goals that may involve other communities. Even opening the door for the person behind you promotes your community to be positively viewed.

To an even larger scale, there are instances where people pride their home. This year, two disasters not far apart from each other sparked massive relief funds and organizations. For example, Cyclone Nargis struck and destroyed the southern areas of Myanmar. Once it happened, international aid immediately made their way to assist, along with private charity groups. This gesture is the most memorable to me because it made me gain the epiphany that even though my family resides here in America; they still wish to support those who need it in Myanmar, the country of their upbringing. It proved to me that giving back to a community can happen even from afar.

Also, the earthquake in China destroyed the lives of many, sparing no youth or elders. Yet that catastrophe was also met with foreign aid and charity. Sometimes it feels good to do something for those who couldn't.

It is important to return favors, especially in a community that has given so much to you. Schools provide you education at no cost but supplies and the willingness to learn. There are soup kitchens run by those who know that people need it in their city, town, or neighborhood. Many, especially youth, take this for granted, and fail to see the goodwill put into these places. That makes them oblivious to the compassion between humans.

“What the world needs now is love, sweet love.” That song, however much corny it sounds, actually holds truth. Our world today is ensnared in tension and violence. Peace nowadays is as rare as cheap gas prices. And now, thanks to booming prices of everything, it is projected that charities will no longer see as much being donated. But money isn't the only way to help. We can contribute time and skills to show the world that we aren't selfish, uncaring beings. Such actions in the billowing shadow of a violence-driven world can grasp people as a beacon of salvation.