

Christmas spirit found in local act of kindness

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Many people have come across the scenario: You find a wallet on the ground out in public; what do you do with it?**

**That scene played out in September for Meriden resident William Grady.**

**While on the way to his local Thriftway grocery store, he saw a wallet laying in middle of the parking lot while it was raining, Grady [told The Topeka Capital-Journal](#) in a recent interview.**

**He picked it up, threw it in his truck and went to work.**

**Once there, he looked into it to see if he could find a contact. No contact, but a First State Bank card, the same place he did his banking.**

**He took it into the bank, gave it to them, left his business card with them in case of questions, and thought that was the end of it.**

**Fast forward three months: Grady received a Christmas card in the mail with a note and \$131.**

**"William, hope this card finds you doing well. I'm the guy that owned the wallet that you found last September at Thriftway," the card read. "There was \$131 in the wallet and I thought I would wait until Christmas to give it to you. Thank you for turning it into the bank. Wishing you the merriest of holidays! Gerard."**

**Grady got the card in the mail at work.**

**"I thought it was pretty amazing. I hadn't thought anything about it," Grady said of finding the wallet and turning it in. "I had totally forgot about it."**

**In the spirit of giving, Grady immediately thought about how he could repay the favor or pay it forward.**

**And he knew he definitely wanted to get in contact with the man, Gerard, who he's never met or never talked to but now knows lives pretty close to him.**

**When Grady told the bank about the card and money, Dave, the employee he turned the wallet into at the bank in September, said: "This is the way it should be. This is great."**

**Nothing like this had ever happened to Grady, he said, but he was pretty happy it**

**did.**

**"I just did the right thing," Grady said. "I really didn't think it was that big of deal, but I do think it's pretty cool."**

**A picture of the note and money was posted on social media by Grady's daughter, Toni.**

**"My father received a card, reminding us that it pays to be a good person; be the change you wish to see in the world!" his daughter wrote, before sharing it with The Capital-Journal.**

**William Grady's wife died in July after a battle with cancer, and so the card had a little extra special meaning this holiday season.**

**"My dad has had a really rough year personally," Toni said. "You never know what a simple gesture like sending a thank you note to somebody can really do to brighten their day."**

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