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The True Spirit of a Kind America Is All Around Us

New Chicken Soup for the Soul Book Showcases the Compassion and Generosity of Americans

COS COB, Conn. – Cynthia Gary takes comfort in remembering that her mother, as an African American child in the segregated South in the 1950s, was welcomed to the front of the bus by her white neighbors. Miriam Van Scott and her husband watched a military family struggle to afford breakfast in a restaurant. When they bought a gift card for the family from the cashier they learned that other patrons had already done the same.

Sioux Roslawski was gratified when her friends' restaurant in Ferguson, Missouri was protected from looting by a chain of loyal customers who stood in front of it, arm in arm. And Laura Sue Wilansky writes about the friendship that now exists between the members of a mosque in South Florida and the Jewish residents of a high-rise next door. When a hurricane knocked out power and stranded the elderly residents in their apartments, the members of the mosque carried food and water up the stairs to them for days, even though the residents had opposed the mosque when it was being built.

These stories about kindness and inclusiveness are found in a new collection from Chicken Soup for the Soul that is providing hope and perspective for everyone who's wondering whether we are losing our way. Is America still filled with people who help each other and do the right thing? The 101 stories in this book answer that question with a resounding "Yes." *Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Kind (of) America* "is a book about Americans doing what we do best—being kind, compassionate, generous and welcoming," according to the book's author, Chicken Soup for the Soul editor-in-chief and publisher Amy Newmark.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Kind (of) America (Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC; Amy Newmark; August 29, 2017, 978-1-61159-973-2, \$14.95) is a follow-up to the bestselling *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Random Acts of Kindness* (February 2017). "It's clear that our readers are hungry for stories about good deeds, acts of compassion, heroic people, and the rewards of hard work—those things which are integral to the true spirit of our country," said Newmark. "This new book, which we added to our schedule earlier this year as an antidote to the negativity and dismay we saw among our fellow citizens, is chicken soup for America's soul. It shows that Americans are still optimistic and caring. My kind of America is a 'kind America' and these stories make it clear that's what we still have in our nation."

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul, the world's favorite and most recognized storyteller, publishes the famous *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. With well over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada alone, more than 250 titles, and translations into more than 40 languages, "chicken soup for the soul" is one of the world's best-known phrases and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Today, 24 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and hope through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish a new title a month, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore with super premium pet food, television shows, podcasts, positive journalism from aplus.com, education programs, and licensed products, all revolving around true stories, as the company continues "changing the world one story at a time®."

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