

My COVID-19 Kindness Story

My friends are the most important things to me. Hanging out with my friends brings me joy every time. But when COVID-19 took over our lives, I wasn't able to see my friends anymore, and texting and FaceTiming just weren't the same. Even though I couldn't see them face-to-face anymore, I still wanted to show my friends that I care about them and that I didn't forget about them. This motivation to show my friends how much I care about them and how much I missed them sparked my COVID-19 kindness story.

During quarantine, many people had birthdays and were unable to celebrate like they usually do. One of those people was my friend, Brylee. I knew that it must not have been fun to be stuck at home on your birthday, so I wanted to do something nice for her. I went to the Dollar General and picked up some of her favorite candy and snacks. Then, my mom and I drove to her house and left the present on her door step. She texted me later and said she really appreciated the gift, which made me happy.

Another friend of mine, Mikaela, lives right down the road from me. It's hard living so close to someone but not being able to see them. My mom suggested that we walk down to her house and leave a message for her and her family on their sidewalk. We walked down the road with our chalk and wrote "We Miss You" and "Stay Safe" in huge letters, along with some other little drawings & messages. She called me later to tell me that she & her family loved it and they were grateful for it.

A while later, we decided to give some chocolate bars that we had in our house to a few friends that lived near us, one of them being Mikaela. I picked out a chocolate bar for her and a chocolate bar for her little brother and included a note with each of them to tell them how much I missed them. I was planning to leave the chocolate on their door step, but they were in their backyard. We were able to stay and chat for a while--from a distance, of course.

A week or two later, Mikaela and her family left gifts for my entire family. We were really grateful and it was nice to see that a little kindness can get you some kindness in return. Although COVID-19 was not best thing that could've happened to us, it taught me a lot and allowed the kindness to come through in all of us.

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