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That happens. That happens to be my car, to put all my stuff on it.

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I go is crazy.

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Okay. Okay. All right. Okay. So what's up? Uh, I guess we can start with. Can you tell us your name? Oh, yeah. My name is Michael or Mikey. I'm from Mountain View. Michael Garden.

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Uh, what else? Uh, I guess. What do you do here? Oh, yeah. I do basic volunteer work for just feeding our community and the people that are hungry I personally come in here, some guy said, Hey, we're going to go get a hot breakfast. So I went with them. We came here, and there was about maybe 30 of us.

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And so anyway, we kept going there, and, you know, just to help out if needed, you know, and uh, what happened was, is a big meal we provided a service. We started the shower program. I'm sorry about that. They started the shower program. So we come here twice a week and get showers, and then we get, well, you know, like oatmeal and stuff on the Thursday.

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So they also have a shower day. And so, you know, and the people I had some problems. I broke my toe, you know, I had bad teeth and stuff, but anyway, when they started, they started serving a meal inside this place. And what had happened was, as they put in a new floor in their and the guy, the property manager at the time, he asked me if I would mop the floor every Saturday for five bucks.

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So I did. I started doing that for him and it just turned into like instead of mopping the floors, I just started helping out with whatever new and stuff. So um, you know, I've been here for about

seven years almost, and I saw the, you know, the, the change and what this place was and what it does for people like me and stuff.

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So, um, that volunteer effort just became, you know. Anyway, Mike Hacker, my friend Mike, he helped find my biological mom after 39 years of separation. And that was really cool. And I'm grateful for that. And so it just brings us here today. It's been three years since I met my mom. My adopted dad passed away the same week, month that I met her and stuff.

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So, um, I don't think I have um, so anyway, I went through a transformation and I, I start going, oh, when I struggle with a lot of things, but the people like my, and Marilyn and Leslie and Mom and Jean and Alice and Alice, all these people, um, just welcomed me in to our student I've just been helping out.

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And you know what? I was abandoned when I was a baby, so I always knew that I had to do something. So, um, I just went through my life like it was a great thing. Um, I'm grateful for this place because it gives me an opportunity to continue serving our community.

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And, um, and I'm grateful for what I have and I'm grateful that I'm going to be able to continue on being a great part of this society. Because, I mean, I'll tell you the truth. At ten years old, I was labeled as a psycho psycho psychopath, social psychopath, you know, because I had some action. And it happened to me in when I was ten years old, and immediately brought me here to the Bay Area from Stockton.

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And that's where I was born out there. Um, my grandfather was in World War Two. Um, he survived and, you know, I'm just kind of in that identity. My grandpa, you know, it's like, you know, all in all, this is stuff but there's a lot of people out there that are just like me that wish they had something that they didn't have but to this place, it makes it a lot better life easier for me.

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Anyway, I'm, I'm now across World Park over here, mountain view.

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And it's over there. Graham Brant, middle school. I used to go there and it's so happens that the week I mean the job before I had this was the one over at Randall's and I was fortunate enough to go to both of those schools. And I look I look back and it's like I never would have thought I'd be a part well anyway I don't know what else to say but that I'm glad that I have the strength and the character to at least make a change in in and just to enjoy it, you know, serve one another because that's where you would want to be served.

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Because I know someday I'm not going to be able to get up and walk or work or help volunteer. I'll just I'll stay on my schedule and show up when I just miss places. They tell me not to come back, you know, you know, those people allow me to live my life the way I wanted to live it.

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And it gave me the ways and means to actually do some of those things.

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Is amazing.

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You know, it's definitely a lot different now that we're going to this price hike and like, everything is doubled in price and it's kind of like people are hurting out there. They don't have they don't even know about this place. You know, they're they're so, so engaging in somewhere else on the planet, you know? But this is a great place now.

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Mountain View is nothing but the safest place I've ever been in. And thank you very much.

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I hope that was all right. You know, I hope you get a good grade for that. Thank you. Yeah, the