

Good Guy 2017: Dan Montague Nomination Letter

We are proud to nominate our friend Danny “Stitch” Montague for this year's Good Guy award. This story could be about any one of us. We have all shown acts of kindness, have attributes of being a “Good Guy”, have had struggles in our lives, and are here to talk about it. Then there is that person in your life that makes you question, am I really a good guy – just because he is that “Good of a Guy”.

Dan is definitely one of the good guys, never saying a bad word about anyone. Doesn't judge, always gives the benefit of the doubt, turns a negative into a positive and an opportunity to learn or teach something. He is involved with community and would give you the shirt off his back. Over the years he has opened his home many times to friends and family in need of a place to stay. One would think that Dan could be in two places at one time because he seems to be able to be everywhere for everyone! His giggle is infectious. He owns the room with his stories. Dan is such a “Good Guy” – when he tells a fish story – he tells people his fish is actually smaller than it really is! HA (Just kidding).

As he did while raising his own children, it has now become his mission to always make sure his six grandchildren know right from wrong and the importance of family. One of my favorite traditions is a story he shared with me that he has with all his grandchildren – he calls it “Donut Day”. On any given school day, he calls each of them up and proclaims its donut day! He goes house to house to pick them up, on the way to the bakery they pick one lucky recipient who they call and sing their “donut day” song to – what a great way to start your day, and what a great memory maker with grandpa! I shared something with Dan one day that was bothering me something I saw on Facebook. Something that was about him and that I thought he should see. Another good reason he's a Good Guy – HE'S NOT ON FACEBOOK!! LOL Anyway - His response to me was: “Put your efforts into people that make you happy Kimberly, not the ones that make you unhappy! Thanks for thinking about me!!” WOW – that is so Dan!

Dan is also a cancer survivor. At least 5 years now I think. When we recognize the survivors in the room during dinner at the Good Guy Open, we ask them all to stand up – he doesn't Why???? Because he doesn't think he is worthy. Dan thinks because he didn't have to go through treatment and suffer enough like some of the survivors in the room, and he got off too easy and that he doesn't deserve to stand – another Danism!

Aside from being a wonderful Son, Brother, Father, Grandfather, Uncle and Friend – the title of “Good Guy” needs to be one of his many titles I know he will so brilliantly handle with grace