



# Random acts of violence kindness

**This is a real newspaper story.**

**As you read, think about these things:**

- What does “**Random Acts of Kindness**” mean?
- Who did what? Draw lines. There is one extra.
  - Chuck •
  - Shane •
  - Jessica •
  - Todd •
  - Police •
  - will put the stickers on cars
  - thought of the idea “Random Acts of Kindness”
  - bought blankets for homeless people
  - gave someone a place to stay
  - gave someone dinner
  - gave away a parking space

## 'Acts of senseless kindness' break out in California city

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)

"Random acts of senseless kindness" are breaking out all over since a college professor turned anger into a class assignment.

Chuck Wall, a teacher at Bakersfield College, was listening to television when he heard the phrase "another random act of violence."

He had an idea. The result was an essay assignment and a bumper sticker: "Today, I will commit one random act of KINDNESS . . . Will you?"

Hundreds of people in Bakersfield have bought the stickers to put on their cars. His students sell them for \$1.

A bank and a union paid to have them printed. The money goes to help blind people.

Wall asked his students to do something out of the ordinary to help someone who wasn't expecting it, then write about it.

Shane Grant, 20, bought 30 blankets at a charity shop. He gave them to homeless people who live under a bridge. "After people hear that, they think, 'That didn't take a lot of time. It didn't take a lot of money. If more people did something like that, just think what a nicer place the world would be,'" Grant said.

Jessica Fredericksen, 41, pulled out of a parking space

she had just pulled into, waving to a driver who appeared late for an appointment. Then, Fredericksen parked in the only other available space about 800 meters away.

Todd Madison, 19, saw a homeless father and son at a convenience store. He bought them the food they wanted.

A police association plans to put the stickers on all 113 Kern County patrol cars.

The "Random Acts of Kindness" idea has been broadcast from churches, school district offices and professional associations in Bakersfield, a city of about 200,000 people about 160 km north of Los Angeles.