

No Need, Just “Pay It Forward”

On my way home the other night I realized that I needed gas so I stopped into my local gas station as I always do. I swiped my credit card so I wouldn't have to go inside to pay but the pump kept canceling my transaction. So I pumped my gas and went then went inside to pay for it.

Inside I ended up standing in line behind a young lady who was counting nickels and dimes to pay for her gas. She had exactly \$6.38 and asked the attendant if he could set the pump so it wouldn't go over the \$6.38 amount. I found myself reaching into my purse, taking out a \$10.00 bill, handing it to the station attendant and asked her to add it to the young lady's \$6.38.

The young lady looked at me and I said “Merry Christmas”. (Her look was worth much more than the \$10.00 I had given her!) She thanked me and went out to pump her gas as I completed my transaction.

When I went out to get into my car the young lady ran over to me with a pencil and paper and asked if she could have my name and address to send the money back to me. “No”, I told her, “there will come a time when you will see someone that could use your help, “I said, “when that time comes, pay it forward”. She smiled, gave me a big hug and I went on my way.

If you have never done something like this, try it....I don't know who felt better that day, me or her?