



The Face of Fillmore

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Perhaps because it is Christmas and we see angel decorations all around us and hear singing about them in our favorite carols, that my thoughts this week are of angels – these be the angels who are right here around us in the Face of Fillmore.

A favorite song of a few years back gets stuck in my head and I believe it should be adopted as Fillmore’s theme song. Sung by the group Alabama, it begins like this:

“Oh I believe there are angels among us.
Sent down to us from somewhere up above.
They come to you and me in our darkest hours.
To show us how to live, to teach us how to give.
To guide us with a light of love.”



search and rescue workers who save lives of those in danger, even some residents who travel long distances to help with Red Cross efforts, and the list grows and grows.

Just recently a group of local angels organized a fundraiser for Kilee Krause, the college-age daughter of Kendall and Tamara Krause. Kilee was driving south of Cedar City in a storm when her car hydroplaned and crashed. She was very critically injured and spent nearly two months in the hospital with enormous medical bills. Friends, neighbors and many who just wanted to help out came together in a four-fold attempt to raise money. Cheryl Flynn and her mother Vicki Crosland spearheaded a turkey dinner

In the forty years we have lived in Fillmore, we have seen our local angels at work in many capacities: answering the call of the fire sirens and filling sandbags in time of flooding, helping search for a hunter who radioed to town with a broken leg, tearing down the burned section of a home so new construction could begin and the family could move back in, food and clothing taken to families in need, donating money to critically ill Fillmore neighbors, employees donating sick leave so a wife could spend more time with a terminally ill husband, the Committee of Home gathering money to help with cancer research, the Pink Ladies and their hours spent making a stay in the hospital more pleasant, the



and thanks to a great assembly line and speedy delivers, they delivered several hundred ordered meals to homes in town in less than an hour. Lorna Adams organized a 5K run and Sherilyn Rasmussen and Coach Blake Turner coordinated a dodge ball tournament, seen here, that involved large numbers of community members. Ammone Hernandez sold her famous Chinese dinners with the proceeds going to this cause.

Thanks also should go to the the Krause's employers – American Express and the Millard School District for allowing Kilee's parents to be at her side without worry about work.

A special note needs to be taken of Ammone, who is truly an angel to everyone in need. Ammone did not know Kilee, but heard of her situation and wanted to help, as she does regularly when someone is in need. She has the amazing energy to cook large amounts of great food and a huge capacity for loving everyone.

This is the true spirit of loving that has been witnessed time and time again here in the Face of Fillmore.