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# seeing hope

IN A TRAGIC SITUATION

Recently, my wife and I were driving home from an evening out. We stopped at a very busy intersection in Sioux Falls for a red light. Just as the light turned green for traffic to go, a small child on a bicycle rode out in front of traffic. I watched the scene play out, seemingly in slow motion, as the child missed three cars, but unfortunately, did not avoid the fourth. An SUV struck the child just a few feet from the curb, throwing the child from the bike. A terrible sight to witness. As awful as that was, what came next gave me hope for our community.

I got out of my vehicle and ran to the child to render first aid. As I attended to the child, another man came over to move the bicycle and parts out of the road. After that, the man saw the driver of the SUV that struck the child, visibly shaking and having a hard time with what just occurred. The man spoke with the SUV driver to calm the person down. Another woman stopped her

vehicle to see how she could help. As police arrived and took me aside, this woman stepped in to attend to the child. She was everything you would want someone to be in that situation. She was kind, attentive, and reassuring. She tried contacting parents and stayed with the child until paramedics arrived. By then, a few more people arrived on scene to see if they could help.

The amazing thing about that experience was that none of these people had to get involved. No one knew the child or the SUV driver.

They all saw a need and decided

to interrupt their own lives to help. In a culture that all-too-often seems self-centered, these people were selfless. A group of strangers decided to get involved, formed a team, and supported someone in need.

I didn't know anyone at the scene. I may never find out the rest of the story. But I am grateful to have witnessed selfless actions of strangers who were willing to help. To them, I say, "Thank you. Job well done." To the rest of us, I say, get involved. There are needs all around us. We need to lift our heads up from our own path, see those around us, then lend a hand. You just may be surprised at how many are willing to join you, and you will feel a little more hopeful for your community.





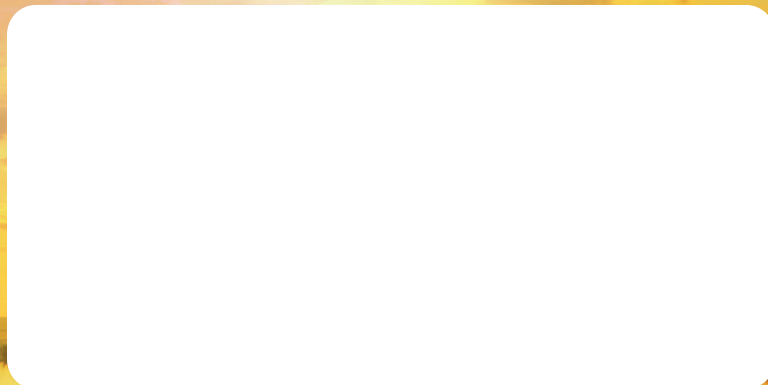






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# FAMILY

S A F E T Y F A I R 2 0 2 2

Northern Plains Justice participated in the Safety Village of South Dakota's Family Safety Fair on June 4th at Thunder Road in Sioux Falls. One of our team members, Dan, provided information and conversation on options if you are hurt in a car crash or a personal injury. Northern Plains Justice supports Safety Village of South Dakota's goals of promoting and learning about safety topics for area families. *The kids attending appreciated candy that was provided!*

If you want more information on Safety Village of South Dakota and it's upcoming events, check out <https://safetyvillage.org/>.