

April 12th 2016

The Honorable Nikki Haley,
Governor of South Carolina
State House
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Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing this letter to
you to share a beautiful story
of two South Carolina citizens and
their selfless acts of kindness.

My name is Pamela Mason
and during the last week in
February, my friend Christina
and I were driving through
your State of South Carolina on

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our way back home to
Baltimore, Maryland, after an
emergency trip to Florida. We
were visiting our friends
eighteen year old autistic daughter
who had been admitted to Florida
South Hospital in Orlando on
life supporting machines. Burg
told that she could be on three
machines for weeks. My friend
suggested we return home to
be with our families.

During our drive back, for
a reason not known to us, we
decided to take a break when
I noticed a sign for the Artisan
Center in Walterboro and decided
to stop. While walking through
this lovely facility and enjoying
the blessed talent of these local
artists, I received a phone call
telling us that our friends

daughter had taken a turn for the worst and that we had to return to Florida. Becoming emotional when I informed my friend Christina of the situation and having to return to Florida I began to search for my car's keyfob. Worried that we may not make it back to Florida in time before her passing, I searched my handbag several times unable to find my keyfob. My friend Christina and I began searching through the Artisan's Center and outside several times and drew the attention of the lady behind the counter. We filled her in on the story and she helped us look while waiting on her customers.

I told Christina that I could have left them on the counter

of the convenience store when we stopped for gas, approximately an hour's time previous to the Artisans Center. The lady from the center gave me the phone book and highlighted the only locksmith in town, Stokes Lock and Key. I called and left a message with my name and number on the answering machine, then called my husband for help.

My husband suggested that I call our local Lexus dealership, who in return put me in touch with the local dealership in Charleston. When I called, the lady in service stated that they had several Keyfobs in stock and it would take approximately ninety minutes to reprogram it and cost \$400.00. She said that they could also send a tow-

truck to pick us up and take
 us to Charleston to have this
 taken care of. This whole pro-
 cess would take approximately
 five hours, plus the additional
 six hours drive back to Florida.
 Not sure if I would make it
 back in time before my friends
 daughter passed away. I was
 overwhelmed, ~~then~~ when Robert
 from Stokes Lock and Key called.
 After hearing my story, he
 stated that he was on his way.

While waiting on the Lock-
 smith the lady from the Center
 was talking with my friend
 and she let her know that she
 was willing to stay at the
 Center after her shift ended to
 wait for us to return. We ^{all} walked
 outside when the Locksmith
 came to watch him unlock my

car and when he opened the door and found the Payfab, my friend and I praised God and cried hysterically. Through a face full of tears, I asked him if I could hug him and what I owed him for his service call. It was then that he said nothing, handed me his business card and asked that I please keep him informed of my friends daughters condition. He stated that he would keep us in his prayers. Crying, we all said our good byes, hugged and started on our journey back to Florida.

I cried the entire rest of the day and night thinking about how blessed we were by these two unselfish citizens and the love and kindness that they showed for two perfect strangers in need. I prayed and

asked God to bless them for
their kindness and may some-
one return blessings to them.

I know that this was a
long letter with lots of details,
but I thought you needed a lot
of the details to give you the
insight of my story. There were two
citizens were so kind to us, that
I thought I owed it to them
to tell you of this story. If at all
possible, could you please take
a moment of your time and let
them know that someone cared
enough and was touched by
their kindness ~~to~~ enough to bring
it to your attention. It would
mean a great deal to me if you
could, so that their acts of kind-
ness wouldn't go unnoticed.

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