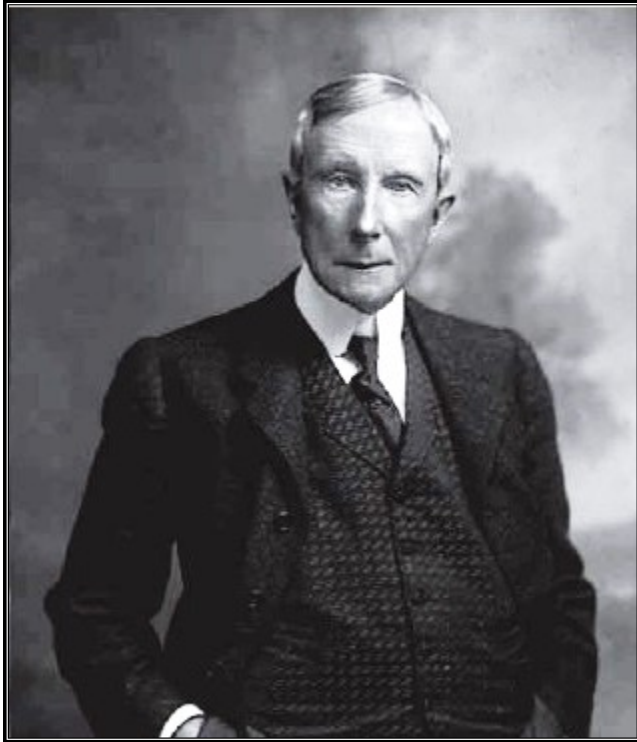


## HOMELESS IN PARADISE

December 18-24, 2020

### IN OUR OWN BACKYARD - Part 60



#### WHAT'S THEIR SECRET?

*who are men like him  
saints sinners saviors satans  
or secret someones*

Wanda Sue Parrott

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL POEM

*(written at age 86)*

*I was early taught to work as well as play.  
My life has been one long, happy holiday -  
Full of work and full of play.  
I dropped the worry on the way  
And God was good to me every day!*

John D. Rockefeller

### ALL THEY WANT FOR CHRISTMAS ARE A FEW USED CARS

By Wanda Sue Parrott

**ASKING** for a car seems like an exercise in Christmas-spirit futility if you're a disbeliever or homeless person without shelter.

If, however, you'd welcome the possibility of a holiday miracle, make your request wish anyway.

Why? Because you'll never know whether a wish might be fulfilled if you don't ask.

I learned that lesson from my billionaire mentor John D. Rockefeller when I was flat-busted broke in 1980.

Rockefeller, father of Standard Oil Company, as well as student of mysticism, said, "I have ways of making money you know nothing of."

He taught me to create a safe, infallible path of personal prosperity by converting a 1-cent seed coin investment into \$100 cash. My legal money-growth fund was derived from his personal system that, scaled down to manageable size, enabled me to found a publishing firm named Penny Peephole Publications that operated for three decades.

He taught me that having a heart-driven (as opposed to greed-driven) goal helps generate positive responses to petitions and prayers for help, which is what wishing really is.

## Change A Heart And Change The World

Prosperity principles work for everyone willing to work with them, such as Todd Sondgroth, executive director of Change a Heart Foundation of Carmel, whose mission statement includes: “The Change a Heart Foundation (CHF) is a 501c3 non-profit organization focused on changing hearts and saving lives through a host of domestic and international relief efforts. We believe that if you can change a heart, you can change the world. The CHF believes no child should suffer from malnutrition, die from water borne illnesses, or sleep without shelter. . .”

The CHF, committed to grassroots organizing and fundraising by working with small teams of volunteers, helps provide life-changing and life-saving support to multiple countries.

Last week, right here in our own backyards, Todd put giving cars to five homeless women before Christmas on the agenda. I got three e-mails, excerpts from which include:

### Wishing For Cars For Alice And Linda

*December 11, 2020—*

*My friend and I were talking about our faith, current projects, etc. He mentioned that the “gospel” translates to “Good News”*

*I was telling him about my cars for homeless women project. . . that I was told not to do this project. . . but I felt it on my heart, so I chose to do it anyway. . . and that I trust my faith/intuition.*

*. . . Across the street is where I met this lady (Alice). . . I told her about the car program and that we may be able to help her. In tears, she shared some of her story. . . how she spent her last dollars trying to save her service dog. . . her dog passed away in her arms in a hotel she was able to get for a night. . . she said she has no vehicle. . . she has a license. . .*

*We exchanged numbers; I gave her some cash.*

*In tears, as I was saying goodbye, she said, “This is such Good News!”*

*I immediately thanked God. . .*

*My friend and I often talk about following your heart and the mysterious and profound ways that God works through us all. . . Today, for me, it was confirmation that I’m doing the right thing with cars for homeless women project. . . So I’m gonna make sure we get Alice a car.*

*If you wish to help ensure that we are able to deliver a car to Alice, consider chipping in below through my website. I hope this finds you and yours well! Much love, Todd.”*

*December 13, 2020—*

*. . . Linda moved here from New York years back. . . She slept on our office steps because it was dark. . . she wanted to remain hidden for safety reasons. . . Here is a 60+ woman sleeping on the street at night and constantly living in fear. I believe no woman should fall asleep in fear. . . We are supposed to help out the most vulnerable unconditionally.*

*. . .It's that same reason why I'm sending this e-mail in hopes we are able to raise enough money (approximately \$620) to ensure Linda gets her vehicle. . . a safe place for her to sleep in before Christmas.*

*. . . If you wish to donate a vehicle, please send me a text at 831- 905-0482."*

*December 15, 2020—*

*. . .If all goes well, we'll be delivering two cars to homeless women tomorrow.*

### **What's Next?**

Problems with the swift-to-manifest cars wish? Minor stuff like brakes needing to be fixed and smog testing to be done, for which the website states: "All donations are tax deductible and you'll be sent a receipt upon your donation."

For details about Change a Heart Foundation, visit <https://www.changeaheart.org> . E-mail Todd Sondgroth at [bustodd@yahoo.com](mailto:bustodd@yahoo.com) or text/call him at 831-905-0482.

What about parking their cars once the homeless women get them? Street parking is not allowed.

Non-profit Orphan Productions operates the One Starfish Safe Parking Program that permits homeless women living in vehicles to park overnight in local parking lots.

Will One Starfish pick up where Change a Heart ends. Michael Fechter, founder and director, will let me know more when facts are available. Meanwhile, Orphan Productions is accepting donations through the McGives program that ends Dec. 31.

Details at <https://www.montereycountygives.com/nonprofit/orphan-productions/>

### **So, What?**

Who are men like Michael Fechter, Todd Sondgroth and John D. Rockefeller? Different folks call them many things, like "saints," "sinners," "saviors" and even "satans."

I prefer to think of John D. Rockefeller as my personal "Secret Santa." Click here to see why: <https://amzn.to/3qZhPRH>

If interested in giving this book as a holiday gift, substantial savings are available from Great Spirit Publishing for multiple orders.

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