Asking Opens Things Up

On Sunday’s Susan and I feed the homeless here in Cincinnati, Ohio. We have a connection with a larger non-profit that provides food to food pantries, churches, and non-profits. Susan selects and organizes the food on Mondays and spends a few hours Sunday cooking, preparing and organizing the food into containers and bags. We provide water, drinks, clothing, shoes, blankets, and toiletries as well. We thoroughly enjoy driving around the city and bringing high quality food, mostly from Whole Foods, to those individuals standing on the streets, corners and exits at highways. We have been providing food since December of 2019 and have made connections with several people that we see every week.

Yesterday, I was looking forward to giving my straw hat (I got a new hat) to a man named Shawn we look forward to seeing every Sunday. Unfortunately, he wasn’t there yesterday. I wondered who I was going to give the hat to. We came across Kurt an amazing man who when we give him food always asks, “How are you two doing?” Yesterday as we were talking and offering him food, he said in a kind way, “I am kind of envious of your hat.” Well, there it was! I took the hat off and gave it to him. He said, “No, I didn’t mean it like that.” But he accepted it and said with tears of gratitude, “I know it is good for you to give too.”

The lesson we learned is that, if we don’t ask, the Universe will not provide. The Universe is not a person or entity that reads our minds and knows what we want, like a Santa Clause.

We receive according to what we ask for. Had Kurt not mentioned his desire for the hat I would have not known to give it to him. We believe that by asking we create space for the Universe to provide. Kurt was incredibly grateful and kind which prompted Susan to think, “What else can I give Kurt.” We then talked about when we have genuine gratitude, the Universe wants to provide more and what we have will increase. We have to ask. There is no shame in asking.

I thought of these verses,

Mathew, verses 7-8.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye

shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh

findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

With Love,

Susan and Todd