

BUCKET FILL-OSOPHY 101™

Weekly words of wisdom to keep your bucket filled

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Making a Difference

A life is changed

This week we hear from Annie Adams, of South Carolina:

I work at an elementary school in Easley, SC (East End Elementary) as an after-school program assistant. However, my mother is a substitute teacher, so if I get to work early on the days she is there, I always help her with whatever she needs.

That's how I happened to hear your bucket filling story.

This may sound trite, cliché, cheesy, etc...but it was just about the most brilliant thing I've ever heard in my life.

You always hear the idea behind your book, but never in a way so completely suited to children...or anyone else, for that matter.

I've read the book (or recited the main points) to all of my friends and a great many in my family.

The great thing is that once you start filling other people's buckets, they start trying to fill yours, too. There's no way I can say how much this book has changed my life -- as well as the lives of those around me -- but *thank you, thank you, thank you!*



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Bucket Nuggets from Carol McCloud, The Bucket Lady

He made a difference

Our world here in Livingston County, Michigan, was diminished last week by the death of our good friend, Charley Tulip, who, at 51, left us much too early.

Charley was a bucket filler and it's hard to say good-bye to a bucket filler.

Our local newspaper published some wonderful tributes to Charley; here are a few that will give you a sense of how this man filled buckets:

- ✦ "Out of the clear blue he would call you to ask if there was anything you needed. He was such a giving person. He always seemed to be on top of giving help without being asked."
- ✦ "An all around good guy who would do anything for anyone."
- ✦ "He would leave everything to help someone who was stranded." (Charley owned a towing company for 30 years.)
- ✦ "He was a wonderful friend."
- ✦ "Charley was there for anything and everything we needed."
- ✦ "He took care of our families when we were out of town. He was a very unique person."
- ✦ "He was a real good man. A family man. A good guy to work for."

As I sat listening to more tributes during Charley's memorial service, it occurred to me that, over the years, many people have probably wondered how Charley was able to make others feel so special.

I think it's obvious that Charley knew and practiced the primary principle of bucketfilling — *the more you give, the more you receive.*

Charley was an inspiration to me and I am honored to have been one of his friends. He deeply loved his family and spoke of them often. He lived each day more fully than any person I have ever known.

He loved his work, his friends — he loved life. Each day, Charley demonstrated his love with actions and words. His generous spirit, bright smile, kind heart and contagious enthusiasm will live on in my heart and in the hearts and memories of those who knew and loved him.

Charley, you were a rare and special gift.

This week's winners

Congratulations!



Annie Adams, of East End Elementary in Easley, South Carolina, is our Bucket Filler of the Week. Congratulations, Annie! You have a book coming your way.

Every bucket filler is a winner! Encourage your friends to get their buckets filled every week by signing on for our newsletter at

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Quote of the Week

If you want to see a shooting star, you might have to spend a lot of nights looking up. -- from "Really Important Stuff My Kids Have Taught Me"

