

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

It's the Most Precious Gift in LIFE

February 3, 2025



Dear Friends:

The Beatles famously sang: “All You Need is Love.”

I can't think of a more fitting song title and a more fitting message with February being the “love” month – Valentine's Day is February 14, as we all know.

Indeed, love is the most valuable and eternal gift you can give to your spouse, partner, girlfriend or boyfriend, beyond just the traditional box of chocolates, flowers, or a nice piece of jewelry. It's the best gift you can give anyone.



Jay Leno serves meals to firefighters from the Los Angeles Fire Department.

There are countless reasons why I say this and countless ways to demonstrate this. The other night I saw an interview with Jay Leno – as you know, he is one of our headline entertainers for the upcoming 31st Annual Lady in Red Gala on March 2nd at The Breakers (the other, of course, is Paul Anka).

Jay was asked by Anderson Cooper about what prompted him to spend days on-site cooking hot, nutritious meals for the firefighters and other First Responders to the deadly wildfires that were ravaging the Los Angeles area. Jay, who lives there, could have concerned himself with his own safety by packing up and evacuating.

But, as Jay explained, that would have been the exact wrong thing to do. He noted that the wildfires did not discriminate who were being victimized; one's socio-economic, racial, ethnic, religious, gender, or political demographic didn't factor into the equation. There were countless millions of people in desperate need of help from the worst wildfires in the region's history.

That included the First Responders – the courageous men and women who were putting their own lives on the line day after day, night after night, and with very little rest, to save others. They were doing so under unimaginable conditions – winds up to 100 miles per hour, searing flames, unbreathable air, blinding smoke, and limited resources.

Jay responded in the best way he felt he could do. He packed up the 1941 firetruck from his unprecedented car collection and headed to the staging areas where the First Responders were gathering. And he started making meals for them, and handing them out hour after hour.

That's love – of one's fellow human, in its purest sense!

Years ago, during my days as a Broadway actress, I performed in a show called "Plain and Fancy." One of the featured songs in the musical was "It Wonders Me."

I was immediately reminded of that title when I watched the interview with Jay and learned of what he was doing. In fact, "It wonders me" why one simple act of loving kindness in the face of the worst adversity is not the norm every day for everyone. "It wonders me" why we spend so much time focusing on the things that divide us, rather than on the things that unite us as human beings. "It wonders me" why there is so much vitriolic rhetoric and hate being spewed right now when "all you need is love."



Jay Leno poses for a photo with members of the Reedley Firefighter's Association. (Reedley Firefighter's Association/Facebook)

I know you understand and are guided by "love." I feel it in my heart every time I reach out to you to support our Annual Lady in Red Gala, and you immediately respond, "Yes!" And, I'm confident I speak for all those who benefit from the gala proceeds in thanking you for saying "Yes" to me – the disabled veterans who benefit from the Pups4Patriots program at American Humane; the hungry, food insecure children who benefit from the Lois' Food4Kids initiative at the Palm Beach County Food Bank; and the children who have trouble seeing the blackboard and reading their assignments who benefit from the Lois' Vision4Kids endeavor at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.

It doesn't "wonder me" why you do what you do for them. It doesn't "wonder me" why you want to help and are so generous in giving it. It just really shows that "all you need is love."

With my love always,

Lois

All You Need is Love...
And one of LIFE's Heroes - Jay Leno!

January 15, 2025

Dear Jay:

I happened to be watching CNN last night and saw the interview you did with Anderson Cooper concerning your Herculean efforts to help the First Responders battling the Los Angeles area wildfires.

That you are cooking hot meals for these courageous men and women, who are putting their lives on the line to save the lives and properties of others, helps restore my faith and hope for humanity. Indeed, you aren't asking what political side they are on, or what is their race, color, or ethnicity-and you don't care! What you only care about is that these fellow human beings, these First Responders (many of whom have been on the front lines since the wildfires first erupted), have something healthy, warm, and nourishing to eat.

Plain and simple, you are an absolute "Mensch." And I look forward to thanking you in person for your generosity of spirit, inspiration, and humanitarianism when I see you at our 31st Annual Lady in Red Gala on March 2 at The Breakers.

In the meantime, I wish you a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2025.

With love,

Lois



Jay Leno has been driving the most thematically appropriate vintage vehicle in his collection to the sites of firefighting and fire relief to feed the first responders.

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