

Your Voice

Letter to the Editor

Arvada firefighters save the day. On Sept. 6, I was in a rush to pick up flowers at the King Soopers store for my granddaughter.

She had been in the intensive-care unit at a hospital for three weeks [and] had just been moved into a regular hospital room where she could now have flowers.

I had no cash on me and felt bad walking past the firefighters at the doorway of King Soopers without putting some money in their [fundraising] boot.

I purchased the flowers I wanted for my granddaughter [and] asked the clerk in the flower department if I could get extra cash back so I could put some money in the firefighters' boot.

She didn't know how to do it, so I wrote a check for extra money. She didn't know how to cash my check for cash [so] I went to the customer service and cashed the check.

I left the store and dropped money in the boot of the firefighter.

I was in a hurry and worried about my granddaughter. I put the flowers in the car, threw my purse on the seat and slammed the car door. Just as the door slammed shut, I realized I had thrown

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my car keys on the seat along with my purse. I let out a loud four-letter word and was so upset.

I was on my way into the store to see if they had anything that I could use to open my car door.

I paused by the firefighter whose boot I had dropped the money in; and off-handedly said I locked my keys in my car. He said they could help me with that: They had a kit just for a thing like that.

They had my door open in a minute or two.

So I wanted to give a big shout-out to the two firefighters who so graciously helped me in a moment of real crisis and to all firefighters everywhere.

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