

Reap What You Sew Generosity Project. by Kindness Blog

The World is a mysterious, sometimes scary, place filled with vulnerable people capable of feeling immense pain. However, at the same time, it's also full of love, caring and empathy which is spread by awesome, heart-warming people...

Awesome people like Michael Swaine.

In 2002, Swaine turned an old-fashioned ice cream cart into a mobile sewing table. Now he can be regularly found in San Francisco's neediest neighborhood, the 'Tenderloin', perched behind his vintage sewing machine, stitching patches onto worn jacket linings, hemming trousers, repairing tears in ladies' blouses — all for free.

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His mending is not only about the clothes — it is about the community, friendship, conversation. the people in it, and his own needs to find comfort in a world that is so used to throwing things away.

Swaine, 34, a trained artist, calls it his "Reap What You Sew Generosity Project."

On his cast-iron, treadle-operated machine — last patented in 1911 — Swaine tends to the neighborhood's rips and seams. Most of his customers are low-income who live in long-term hotels that line the streets. He'll sew for anyone who asks and occasionally even provides fashion advice! :)

Check out the video below...