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Our Responsibility as an American Citizen

The 21st century has turned out to be an interesting one so far. Many unfortunate events have occurred. However, sometimes unfortunate events lead to new opportunities. You've heard the expression when one door closes another one opens. It is so true. But we don't always see it that way when the events occur.

We are all aware of how the economy has been hit, first terrorism and war, then corporate greed. Many people have lost their jobs and lives, and many honest businesses are trying to survive.

We can all turn this around by helping each other in small ways. Share your fortunes by giving to charities, not just money, but with old goods you intend to throw away. Spend some time with the sick and elderly or mentor a child. These are just small ways to help. You not only help others by these gestures you also reward yourself emotionally.

Some people believe charity begins at home, well if that is you, than take advantage of the down economy by investing in it. How? You might ask. The answer. Don't be afraid to spend some money.

Take advantage of the sales available. Prices on products, goods and services have all come down, probably to where they should be. The positive is that the escalating costs are getting back under control. But if we don't take advantage of it we will miss out on great opportunities. Now is the time to buy, whether it is a new home, a vacation, remodeling your home, etc. Don't get caught up in the news and how bad it is supposedly out there. If you are in a position to invest in the economy, it sure can use your help.

If your wondering what I'm doing to help the economy. I am mentoring a child; I am taking care of the sick and elderly. We are selling a home, building a house and planning a wedding and honeymoon.

I own a business and it has been slower than normal, but we wouldn't be able to do all those things I mentioned if the prices had not come down. We decided to take the risk and take advantage of the reduced

prices now available, and you should also, if you are in a position to do so.

We are not rich, we have taken pay cuts also, but we are trying to see the positive in a difficult situation, and be realistic also.

Being a small-business owner I started when the economy was at its highest point and, fortunately, I am still in business. But I am concerned with the stabilization of all markets if people continue to be scared. We have a wound and like all wounds they need to be nursed back to health with a little help from our friends.

Remember the adage. It takes money to make money. The economy needs us all, let's not wait for the government to bail us out, let's do our part the best we can by investing in it and our future. Let's help keep businesses alive and help new businesses grow. Remember it is the trickle-down effect. Why continue to let negative things occur when we can turn a negative into a positive.

I hope this opens our minds to a new look on life and how we live.

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