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Paying it forward: CNY boy recognized for mowing 50 lawns for those who can't

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Karter Bouffard, 11, of Chittenango, with his new lawn mower given to him after he completed the 50-yard challenge.



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CHITTENANGO, NY - After seeing an ad seeking kids who would mow lawns for those who can't, 11-year-old Karter Bouffard said he was intrigued.

The Chittenango boy sent a photo of himself into the [Raising Men Lawn Care Service](#) 50-yard challenge, was accepted and started mowing lawns in June 2018.

The challenge: Mow lawns for free for 50 people who are elderly, disabled, veterans or single moms.

"I wanted to do it right away," said Karter, who is moving to Cazenovia and will attend fifth grade at Cazenovia Middle School in the fall. "I wanted to help out my community, and help people who really need it."

After seeking clients on Facebook and [starting a Facebook page](#), Karter got to work. His family drove him to his customers, some as far as Minoa.

Karter started out with a push mower, quickly realizing that was much too difficult. He graduated to a power mower.

By the end of summer 2018, Karter had mowed 37 lawns. He mowed his 50th lawn this month.

Raising Men Lawn Care founder [Rodney Smith Jr. of Alabama](#) surprised Karter with a visit in mid-July - and a new lawn mower, leaf blower and weed trimmer.

"I was so surprised," Karter said. "It was great, but what I like most is helping people."



Rodney Smith Jr, left, of Alabama and the founder of the 50-yard challenge, with Karter Bouffard on the day he delivered his new equipment.

Karter's aunt, Sandy Bain, said Karter has met a lot of people - and spent some time chatting with a veteran and learning about that man's life.

"We are all so proud of him," said Karter's mom, Tina Bouffard. "He's the kind of kid who just always helps out. He takes out the garbage without anyone asking him."

Karter is among 445 kids across the United States and five other countries who have signed up for the 50-yard Challenge, according to the non-profit's website. More are being added each day, the group said.

Perryville Power & Equipment of Canastota has stepped up and offered to make repairs to Karter's equipment for free as Karter continues to mow lawns. He plans to keep mowing.

"The best part is the look on people's faces when I do their lawn for free," he said. "They are always so thankful."

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