

VISUAL: INT. RETIREMENT HOME REC ROOM – DAY

VISUAL: Seven SENIORS (early 70s-90s) are paired with seven HIGH SCHOOLERS (ages 16-18). They socialize, laugh and truly enjoy each other's company. Their TEACHER (40s) is stealthily handing out two movie tickets to students.

VISUAL: WALT PHILLIPS (early 80s) sits playing chess against himself as JAYLEN TURNER (18) stands aloof futzing with two movie tickets, but within Walt's peripheral vision. Without looking at Jaylen:

WALT: You play chess?

VISUAL: Walt starts to reset the board.

JAYLEN: (sarcastically) No, do you?

WALT: I'll teach you.

JAYLEN: I'll school you.

VISUAL: Walt gestures Jaylen to sit.

VISUAL: Jaylen reluctantly sits. Helps Walt reset the board with the black pieces in front of Walt. Jaylen and Walt start playing... speed chess without a timer. It is obvious Jaylen knows how to play. Well.

JAYLEN: 'Jaylen.'

WALT: Good guess, my name is 'Walt.'

VISUAL: Jaylen cracks a smile.

JAYLEN: So, Walt, you're supposed to save me?

WALT: I thought you were supposed to save me.

JAYLEN: Ha-ha. Figures they'd pair up two 'misfits.'

WALT: 'They' think I have nothing left to give.

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JAYLEN: And ‘they’ think that I’ll never have anything to give.

TOGETHER: Let’s prove them wrong.

VISUAL: They laugh.

WALT: I believe in you, young man.

JAYLEN: Yeah, I believe in you too, not-so-old man.

VISUAL: Jaylen and Walt smile. Walt shakes Jaylen’s hand. Jaylen fist bumps Walt. Walt is game.

VISUAL: Jaylen slides the two movie tickets to Walt. Walt slides one back. Jaylen can’t help but nod and smile.

ANNCR: (V.O.) Don’t act your age. It isn’t over until it’s over. It’s never too early to start. If you didn’t know your age, would you still see it as an obstacle? Volunteer, give, and receive.

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[Illus: Hands of various skin colors raised at various heights as if to volunteer. Each palm has a red heart on it.]

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“At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back.”
~ Denzel Washington

“You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old.” ~ Comedian George Burns

“Our generation has the ability and the responsibility to make our ever-more connected world a more hopeful, stable and peaceful place.” ~ Natalie Portman

Benefits of volunteering:

You'll feel great when you help those less fortunate than yourself, and you'll be helping to make this a better world. Volunteering works wonders.

You'll learn new skills that can earn you a promotion or even a new job or career.

You'll make new friends or maybe even meet a special someone who also likes to volunteer!

Drawbacks of volunteering:

You'll lose 2-4 hours a month of watching reruns or, of binge watching.

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Note: My son Georgie beat the family chess king Uncle Jerry when Georgie was only seven. That's the last time Uncle Jerry ever played him. Also note that I was not hired by VolunteerMatch to write this.