

Forward

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When Wincek watched one customer after another pay it forward until 23 had participated, she was speechless.

Several of them paid more than what their own meal would have cost. But whether the next customer was getting a simple cup of coffee or lunch for a carload of people, everyone just continued giving and giving.

"It was beautiful," Wincek said. "I feel like it's the community coming together."

The process sometimes slows

things down in the restaurant's drive-through lane, as employees take a moment to explain to each customer what is happening.

But no one seems to mind the minor inconvenience.

Autumn Russell, a shift manager at the restaurant, said she has worked at other McDonald's locations in the past. She has never seen so many people pay it forward as she does in Union Grove.

Russell said she will not complain about the line moving a little more slowly.

"People want to help each other out," she said. "It's wonderful."