

CHAPTER III

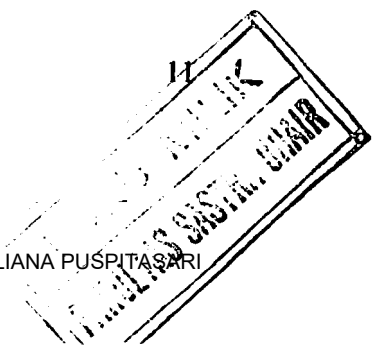
ANALYSIS

In this chapter, the writer divides the analysis into three parts. The first part discusses about the origin of Trevor's projection. The second deals with the manifestation of Trevor's projection and the last part talks much about the impact of Trevor's projection. The projection is in the form of 'pay it forward,' helping people without asking them to pay back the favor, but continue to help others, pass forward the good deeds.

A. The Origin of Trevor's Projection

I. Broken Home Family Condition

The family of Trevor consists of the father, Ricky McKinney, the mother, Arlene McKinney, and the only son, Trevor McKinney. Trevor's family condition affects him greatly. The fact that he comes from a broken home family affects him in terms that he does not have a role model to look up to. The family condition is not normal for a child upbringing like Trevor who is only a twelve-year-old, and during his growth he witnesses his parents' hostility toward each other. His family is not a harmonious family. Although Trevor's parents technically are still married, they do not live in the same house anymore. Trevor's parents have not yet divorced but their relationship is unsettled because the relationship between each family are not good. Trevor's parent and Trevor himself are rare to talk to each other. They also rare gathered. Trevor's parents are too busy with



themselves. The father likes to spend his time outside the house, meanwhile the mother, spends most of her time working because she has double jobs. Trevor's parents are unlike other parents who live in the same house and feel content with their life.

Trevor's father, Ricky McKinney, is described as a person who is reluctant to find a job, unable to control his emotion, and cannot act as a good father and husband to the family. Ricky is an ill-tempered man. His ill temper is the main reasons that cause him unfit as a father. His ill temper is seen in the way he hits Arlene when they quarrel. The cause for the fight is because Arlene offends him every time she complains about the financial problems in their family. It causes them to quarrel. He also often hits Arlene. Sometimes he even makes attempt to hit Trevor, but Arlene tries to stand in his way when he is going to hit Trevor. He is an uncaring man concerning about family's financial problem and he feel irritated every time Arlene mentions it. He gets easily upset every time Arlene asks him to get a job and to be responsible for the family. He gets offended every time she asks for his responsibility to give a good life to the family. He often cannot control his anger. It sometimes ended with a rude action to both Arlene and Trevor (207).

Ricky is seldom at home. He hates staying all day in the house. He is happier to be outside the house to avoid his responsibility as the head of the family. He does not like to be told to care about his son. He enjoys going outside the house for days, months or years without telling the family where he is going to or when he will be back. Since he is absent most of the time, he never spends time

to interact with Trevor. He never shows any affection to Trevor. He does not give any presents for Trevor or buy him things, and never call Trevor to see how Trevor is doing and he hardly comes home to see his family. Instead, he goes to his ex-wife's house, Cherryl Wilcox, more often than he visits Trevor and his wife, Arlene. Although Ricky and Cherryl are divorced, he still visits her occasionally because he still loves her. Ricky is irresponsible man because he neglects Arlene and Trevor. He never cares about them. He prefers to wander about and travels to different places and visits Cherryl. When he goes home, it is because he is tired of traveling and needs to rest for a while. He is not an accountable father. He does not want to be interrupted by Arlene and Trevor during his comeback from traveling, and communicate with them as little as possible. In addition, he has a drinking problem, although he rarely drinks at home. His behavior does not make him feel remorse for not being able to act like a proper father to his family. Arlene replaces his absence as the breadwinner of the family. One of the evidence that Ricky is incompetent as the head of the family is when he leaves the credit payment on his truck to Arlene. When he leaves home, he takes the public vehicle and leaves his truck in the garage. At first he still uses the truck when it still functions, but when the truck is broken, he leaves it and does not care about the credit payment.

The mother, Arlene McKinney, replaces Ricky's position as the head of the family. Thus she must work hard to finance her and Trevor on a daily needs. She takes two jobs and consequently, most of her time is spent to work in order to fulfill the family's basic need. She works at an insurance company as a staff and

at a nightclub as a waitress. She has to maintain the family and nurture Trevor due to the absence of his father. Other than that, she must also pay for Ricky's debt for the truck, which is left in a broken condition. She uses her money to pay for the rent of their house and to Ricky's debt on a truck that is parked in the garage. At first, Ricky does the payment for the truck. But, then Ricky left it wrecked in the garage. He did not continue the payment. She hates the truck because to her, the truck still belongs to Ricky. She is obliged to pay it. Worse, the truck always reminds her to Ricky. The truck keeps her awake at night because it seems to mock Arlene constantly every day and night. It upsets her because the truck always reminds her to Ricky and his escape from the responsibility. Whereas, she must work double jobs that starts from early morning until late at night. She needs to rest, but she cannot do it every time she sees the truck. She hates that she still cares about Ricky who has abandoned her, every time she sees the truck (17). She feels angry, since she is the one burdened by the debt.

She compensates Ricky's role as a father, but her jobs occupy most of her time. She has to go to work on the company from morning until afternoon, and then she must work at the nightclub. This leaves her only three hours to be at home, and she uses it to take a rest and prepare herself to go to work. She is too busy with the work. She has little time to be with Trevor. In results, she does not do her domestic duties, such as cooking, cleaning, and washing. She compensates Ricky's position as a father, in terms of providing the family's finance. In the meantime, it causes her to be unable to act properly as a mother and have a communication with Trevor.

Another problem, which bothers her, is the drinking problem. She is an alcoholic for a long time. Arlene hopes that she can quit her habit, but the pressure of replacing Ricky's role as a father has burdened her. Drinking is used to escape from her problems and forgets about her life for a moment. She also drinks to escape from the reality that Ricky goes to Cheryl's house more often than he goes home. She is angry because Ricky is not a good father and a good husband. In addition, Ricky is unfaithful. These problems can be forgotten when she drinks alcohol. So, she drinks occasionally in order to put aside her problems. She hates to realize that Ricky spends most of his time to have fun than to think about Trevor. She is aware that Trevor needs her very much since she is the only parent who is accountable and she must nurture him and gives him affection. She cannot erase or avoid her love and need of Ricky's presence. She knows that she is depressed by this condition, but she has never loses of hope that Ricky will change to be a better man, love and care to his family.

Arlene is unaware that Trevor knows about her addiction to alcohol. She knows that she must stop drinking because it is not good both for her and her son, but she feel hard to do it. Trevor in the garage sometimes hides her bottles, so that Arlene cannot drink it ([http://www.vibrantuniverse.com/archives/pay it forward.html](http://www.vibrantuniverse.com/archives/pay_it_forward.html)). Arlene never knows that Trevor has great affection for her.

Ricky and Arlene's personal problems affect Trevor greatly. As a child, Trevor is already aware that his parents have problems. Their problems make Trevor feel sad. His reaction when he sees his parents arguing is straightly goes to

his room. Trevor sees their argument but he pretends does not about the fight. His parents think that Trevor does not know about their argument. But, Trevor always notice when they fight. In Trevor's heart, he hates when the fight becomes harsh. He hates to see his father starts to hit his mother and himself sometime. This causes Trevor's hatred toward his father.

He hates when Ricky hits Arlene during the quarrel. He also hates Ricky because Ricky tries to hit him. Trevor loves his mother very much. He is worried when Ricky hits her and when she prevents Trevor from getting beaten. But he also hates his mother because of her alcohol addiction. He wants her to stop drinking, but he is helpless. He is still a child and there is no adult man at home to help her. The lost for a father figure affects his growth. He has a low self-esteem because Ricky does not educate Trevor to be a brave child. If Ricky were present, Trevor could have a role model for and someone who could accompany his daily activity or even have a conversation, but Ricky leaves him and his mother, so Trevor does not have any man to be by his side and helps him solve his problems. Although Arlene is at home, she is unable to do her duty as a mother because she functions as a sole provider for their livelihood. She acts as the breadwinner of the family, replacing Ricky. Besides that she also has other problems, which prevents her from being a good mother. She is too busy in dealing with her own matters (like thinking about Ricky and feeling stress about her life) that she accidentally neglects Trevor. So, Trevor in reality is the same as an orphanage who has no parents.

Children who always see his parents fight will be affected psychologically. It bothers them emotionally. On one side he is only a child who is invincible for his father. He likes to help his mother, but his mother ignores him. He wants to stop the fight, but he just cannot do it. He really wants his parents to live peacefully but he does not have any power to help them. Therefore, he chooses to stay in his room and keep silent. He always questions why they cannot live without fighting each other. Trevor never wants anything. He just wants his parents to stop fighting everyday. But, apparently it is impossible because they always quarrel over small thing. Moreover, they often quarrel in front of him without considerations that it will make him sad. The only thing he can do is repressing his feeling, so that he can erase that unhappy event out from his awareness. He represses his anger and his sadness. Eventually, he unconsciously projects his feeling to throw his bad emotion to someone else or in other words, to divert the repression. Trevor ascribes his fear, problem, or guilty desire (to his father especially, for hating him) to someone else, and condemns them for it, in order to deny that he has it himself.

As stated previously, Ricky's role is supposed to be a father who loves, guides, supports and educates Trevor so that Trevor can grow to be a good child. Ricky should be able to reinforce the thought that Trevor is worth to be loved, so that Trevor would be confident about himself. Unfortunately, Ricky does not do all those things. In fact, he ignores Trevor's existence. One of the example is Ricky wants Trevor not to call him daddy, as mentioned in the quotation, 'You said never call you Daddy' (183).

Ricky tells Trevor not to call him daddy. Trevor never protests about that. Nevertheless, he still feels disappointed. Ricky is his biological father, but Ricky does not want to be a father for him. He cannot express his feeling because he is afraid that his father will be furious, considering that Ricky is highly temperamental. Moreover, it is just a useless action because he knows that his father never cares about him. Besides, Trevor is afraid that he will make his mother sad. He knows that his mother still expects his father to change better then he will be back to their house and to be together with them. He is afraid that if he shows his anger or his disappointment to his father, it will burden his mother. Thus, Trevor expresses his disappointment in his diary.

There are problems in the house that cannot be solved by both Ricky and Arlene. They can never avoid fighting. They must take care of Trevor, and also pays attention to his psychological development. Their obligation as a parent contradicts from their behavior. Instead of being affectionate to Trevor, they contribute mainly on his stress. With the above condition of the parents, it can be said that Trevor's life is stressful.

Trevor is anxious with the comeback of his father because Trevor does not want his father to return. When Ricky suddenly comes back to their house, Trevor and Arlene who are gathering with Reuben (Trevor's new teacher who falls in love with Arlene and Trevor), surprised. They enjoy the moment and feel happy with the gathering, which it is something that never happened among Arlene, Trevor and Ricky. Trevor experiences return of repressed. His painful feeling is resurfacing and he wants to keep it repressed. Trevor looks pale when Ricky

suddenly comes into the house in the middle of him, Arlene and Reuben (182). Suddenly he has a thought that his father will destroy the joy that is just started.

The broken relationship between the parents causes bad effects for Trevor. Trevor, a twelve-year-old kid that still needs guidance from his parent, loses the love and affection that he should have. The parents are too busy fighting and talking about who does right or wrong, who should take care of the family, etc.

The family problem and the negative feelings affect Trevor's emotional development during his adolescent. Trevor is undergoing adolescent age. As a child in his adolescent, Trevor needs support and affection from his parents. Trevor needs attention from his parents. Unfortunately, the affection he longed for is not received.

He feels sad with this condition, but since that his parents never communicate with him, Trevor has difficulty to express his feeling. Therefore, he solves his problems by himself, whether emotional problem or daily problem. There is no one to cook for him, play with him and do the house work by himself. In short, Trevor is forced to act as an adult in his early age. His complaints of not getting affection from his parents is repressed because he has to take care of the house, goes to school and do his homework. Fortunately, he loves to write. He diverts his sadness and loneliness to his diary. Although he sometimes pretends to be a strong child in his diary, writing in his diary makes him comfortable. He acts as a strong child mentally and emotionally. His feeling is repressed, and it slowly sinks into his unconscious mind.

2. Trevor's Repression

The condition of the family forces Trevor to repress his feeling of sadness and loneliness to the unconscious level. Trevor loves his mother. He misses her because she is too busy working. Trevor feels sad about his parents. He does not like his father of being irresponsible and ill temper to Trevor and Arlene. Trevor is also sad for Ricky and Arlene quarrelling every time they meet in the house. Trevor has a dilemmatic problem if he is angry to his father, he is afraid that his father will beat him, even though he is eager to express his anger on Ricky. He writes his anger in the diary:

It feels like there's something wrong with not liking your own father. Like I should be ashamed about that. But it's true, and I don't know what I'm supposed to do about it. (204)

He feels guilty for his hatred to Ricky. Trevor's guilty feeling to his father is so big that he does not want Ricky to come back to his house. Trevor always hates his father's ill temper. He wants a father like Reuben, because Reuben is a gentle man. The way Reuben talks and behaves makes Trevor comfortable to get along with Reuben. Trevor dreams the same treatment from Ricky. Unfortunately, Ricky never knows and does not intend to be a good father.

Trevor does not befriend with many of his peers. At school, he sits in the front row and pays attention to his teachers. When the school is over, he goes home directly. He prefers work as paper-route boy to deliver newspaper every day after school than to play with his peers. But he likes to be alone. However, he is

just a twelve-year-old boy. He needs affection from his parents. He needs to share his feeling. Trevor needs guidance and support to help him through his adolescent.

Through pay it forward or chain of goodness; he lays his hopes of getting a friend to talk to. Pay it forward is his projection to express his feeling. He does not want to confront the painful emotional conflict he undergoes. The use of pay it forward as his projection is seen in the people Trevor unconsciously chooses as the subject, the people whom he helps, of pay it forward. In pay it forward, Trevor accidentally chooses four people who have similar conflict with him. The similarities among the four people are they have feeling of sadness and loneliness. The four people are Jerry, a homeless; Mrs. Ida Greenberg, an old lady with uncaring son; his own teacher, Reuben and his mother, Arlene, two person who seek love, as one packet to be helped.

Trevor loves to write. Ever day, he writes on his diary. The diary can be Trevor's way to express his feeling. But, Trevor sometimes in his diary denies that he is weak. He pretends he is stronger than his father and his mother. Like in this quotation in one of Trevor's page diary:

Sometimes I think my mom has that condition. Only on the inside where nobody sees it but me and maybe Loretta and definitely Bonnie. Except, I know she hurts. I wish I could teach her. (16)

Trevor looks like he is stronger than his mother. He does not realize that he suffers like his mother. Trevor represses the feeling. Even in his diary Trevor feels that he is okay. He seems does not have problems with himself. He seems does not have sadness and loneliness. He keeps all the feeling in his unconscious.

From above quotation, Trevor only knows that he wants to help his mother. He understands that his mother is hurt because of his father and that she is tired with all problems in her life. Trevor hopes his mother will be happy if she forgets Ricky. By doing pay it forward, he has a thought of matching his mother with Reuben. Unconsciously, Trevor wants a father. He sees Reuben can replace his father, Ricky. That's why he unconsciously does the projection to Reuben.

B. The Manifestation of Trevor's Projection

Pay It Forward as stated in the previous chapter, is known as an idea, a system or a chain of goodness made by a twelve-year-old boy, Trevor McKinney, responding to his assignment from his social class studies. His social class teacher, Reuben St. Clair, who gives the assignment, states that the assignment he wrote in the black board titled, "think of an idea for world change and put it into action", is purported to an extra credit assignment and an exercise student's reexamination of their role in the world (43).

Creating the project he called pay it forward or the act of continuing to help people instead of paying back the help to the helper, which is a system, a chain of goodness where one people do a favor or help to four people, the four people hoped to continue to other four people and so on, Trevor realizes that his own life is not a perfect life. He feels that his life is similar with the subject of his projection. The subject of his projection here are the people who Trevor helps. Trevor ascribes his loneliness, fear, and guilty feeling to other people. His

loneliness is due to his parents' absence, his fear of losing his mother's affection and his guilty feeling of hating his own father.

Trevor's action begins with choosing four people to be helped. As the person who ignites the action, firstly he must help four people. The four people he chooses are Jerry, a poor guy who live alone and does not have a job; Mrs. Greenberg, an old lady who live alone; and Reuben and Arlene as one. Trevor is accidentally choosing them. He, unconsciously choose them because they have the same condition with him, the loneliness, the sadness, et cetera. He projects his unacceptable feeling to them unconsciously by doing some help for them.

In his conscious, he sees many people who need some help. Actually, he wants to help himself. It's a kind of projecting his fear of losing his family, his rage toward his father, and his love to his mother. Trevor unconsciously chooses Jerry to help. Jerry is a homeless to whom Trevor gives his paper-route money so he can make himself presentable enough to find a job. In his writing in the diary, Trevor states:

Mom hates Jerry. Which is funny, because he's a lot like Dad. Except Dad is clearer. But if Mom would let Jerry in the house, he'd be cleaner too. Maybe if she didn't keep letting Dad in he'd look just like Jerry. Maybe, whenever he is, he already does. (46)

Here, we can see that, Trevor does his projection. What he feels about Jerry is a picture of his guilty feeling to his father. Trevor actually feels guilty because he hates his father. He hates his father because his father never cares about him. His father never shows that he is a father for Trevor. He seems

unnoticed Trevor's presence. Trevor does not like his father for those reasons. But, Trevor feels guilty for hating his father. He feels bad for having this hatred to his father. That's why he does not want to admit this unacceptable feeling. The guilt overwhelms him and he needs to let go of his feeling. Trevor releases his guilt by making comparison between Jerry and his father. Jerry and his father are actually two different people. His father chooses the path to travel, while Jerry travels to different places because he is helpless with himself. Jerry's appearance, which resembles his father, gives him an opportunity to forgive himself. He compares them on purpose because he wants to apologize to Ricky for his rage. Jerry looks like his father with no job. Besides, Jerry is a homeless, like his father who is gone. He considers his father is homeless like Jerry. Trevor ascribes his anxiety of incapability to get something to Jerry. Another reason, which makes Trevor unconsciously, chooses Jerry, as his object of projection is his helpless feeling. In this sense, Trevor considers that he has similar problems with Jerry. Trevor is unable to fix his family's condition, whereas Jerry cannot fix his life.

The second, Trevor accidentally chooses to help Mrs. Ida Greenberg. Mrs. Greenberg is Trevor's neighbor. She is an old lady who he passes when he does his paper route job. She is a widow and she lives alone. She lives by herself in her house since her husband died. She has an adult son, but Richard, the name of the son, does not want to live with his mother. Richard prefers to live far from her and does not care about her. She feels that Richard ignores her and her position as his mother. Trevor's act firstly is to help her fix her much loved but abandoned garden. Trevor sees her everyday every time he delivers his paper. Once, he

disappointment in his diary. Nevertheless, as his principle to deny his loneliness, he makes projection through Mrs. Greenberg. His projection is his lonely feeling.

Trevor's last person to be helped is his teacher and his mother, Reuben and Arlene. Trevor sees his mother sadness. He wants to help her. Trevor also sees Reuben loneliness. He wants to help him also. Trevor wants to help them because they are two persons whom Trevor loves most. Arlene is his mother who has given Trevor a good life. She has work hard for Trevor's comfortable life. Meanwhile, Reuben although is very different from Ricky, physically and mentally, is a very father's figure. Ricky has a bad temper, Reuben can always looked calm and control himself; Ricky talks much without any good things come as the result, Reuben talks properly, honest and much good affects come up (like the idea of changing the world better, etcetera). Reuben can also be a nice friend to talk to. That's why Trevor wants to help him. Trevor thinks that he can make Reuben happy by matching Reuben with Arlene.

Trevor's unconsciously wants Reuben to be his father. He projects his feeling of needing father to Reuben. He wants Reuben to replace his father. Reuben has revealed to heal Trevor feelings of inadequacy and abandonment from his father depression. Besides, Trevor does not want to see his mother stressful waiting his father to come home, thinking about how to pay the debt of his father's truck, working two jobs everyday to earn money for the family, and feeling lonely without a man besides her. Trevor loves his mother very much and wants to help her, to ease her burden up. His mother also becomes his motivation to be a good boy, to stay out of trouble. Trevor can easily become a juvenile

delinquent like other child if they have problems. He could easily have drugs and alcohol addiction, etcetera. But, he focuses on helping his mother. Also with Reuben's support, Trevor is able to behave as a good boy for everyone, especially his mother. Trevor does not realize that he is long for his mother's affection. Consciously, he feels stronger than his mother and tries to help her. Here is Trevor's statement about his mother:

From *The Diary of Trevor*

Sometimes I think my mom has that condition, too. Only on the inside where nobody sees it but me...I know she hurts. But she still has her hand on that hot stove. On the inside, I mean...I wish I could teach her (16).

Trevor tries to match Reuben and Arlene together because he feels that they are both lonely. Here, is seen Trevor's projection of needing a complete family. Trevor uses paying forward as a bowl to do this. He implies saying that he wants a complete family. He also implies that Reuben and his mother will look fit each other.

The projection to Reuben and Arlene is because Trevor unconsciously wants Reuben to replace his father, Ricky. But, in doing pay it forward to Reuben and Arlene, Trevor denies that he misses a father's figure. He only acknowledges that Reuben and Arlene are lonely and they both need affection and love each other. He discards the thought that he is disappointed with his parents. Instead, he attributes his feeling to Jerry, Mrs. Greenberg, Reuben and Arlene. The four persons have similar conflicts with Trevor. Because he does projection, Trevor

recognizes his problems in someone else's character. He does not realize that he does pay it forward to help him out of his sadness and loneliness. Trevor experiences an unpleasant experience of having a father like Ricky who is irresponsible, ill temper, and does not hesitate to beat both him and his mother.

Trevor's hatred toward his father and his longing for his mother's affection and a family causes the projection. Trevor in his action of pay it forward implies, that his mother will be happy with Reuben or he will have a father if Reuben marry his mother. This whole projection shows up through the action of pay it forward.

C. The Impact of Trevor's Projection

1. The Impact on Trevor

Trevor wants to say to other people that he is able to take care of himself. That is why he creates the chain of goodness called pay it forward, to help people. In fact, he is aware that he needs someone who can help him. He wants to live with loving parents. He needs a father who can take care of him. He needs a mother who can accompany him and gives him affection. He is less attention from his family. Trevor needs a father and also a mother. But, he doesn't know how to manifest his expectation. He knows that his mother has two jobs that impossible to be disturbed considering she does take the job to fulfill his needs. The possible way for Trevor is to repress it. Amazingly, he does something good. He decides to make projection, ascribing his sadness, his problem or guilty desire to someone else, and condemning them to have the feelings in order to deny that he also

possesses those feelings. By doing something for others, Trevor unconsciously hopes that he can eliminate his sadness and loneliness. He hopes he can bring the happiness to his family. The happiness here means having a complete family, a father and a mother, and loving each other. That is why, he is hoping much with his projection for himself.

Pay it forward affects Trevor. Through the act, he can help others and most importantly he can make his mother proud. Actually, Trevor's most desire is accept his mother affection. Pay it forward changes their relationship. As the act progresses, Arlene is surprised because Trevor suddenly puts a stranger named Jerry into their house. Arlene comes to school and asks Reuben about the assignment. This has been a form of attention from Arlene because of the project, because Arlene wants to come to Trevor's school and asks his teacher, something that she never does before. Moreover, Reuben says something that quite shocked her, about her relationship with her son. Reuben's words make her think about the way she communicates with Trevor. In Reuben's statement:

I suggest you talk to him. Lay down the house rules. Tell him when his efforts on this project conflict with your safety and comfort. You do talk to him, don't you? (44)

Reuben says that Arlene is supposed to talk to Trevor. Arlene should know about Trevor's projection, pay it forward from Trevor. Reuben is curious why she does not know about the assignment. At first, Arlene feels offended, but she knows that Reuben is right. Arlene knows that she spends a little time with her son. That is why Arlene understands Reuben questioning her about her relationship with her

son. Reuben statement makes her aware to talk to her son often, to get closer to him.

Many things happen when pay it forward is in progress. There is a reporter named Chris Chandler who investigates The Movement named pay it forward which is done by people surroundings. It is hard to find the one who starts it, but he eventually finds Trevor. Chris interviews Trevor. Trevor has his own TV show. Trevor is also invited by President, Bill Clinton to come to the White House. The response excites Trevor. He knows that he feels sad for his broken family, but when his mother proud of him, it makes him happy. He is happy with the impact of his action because he can help others and make them happy. He seems that he is the hero, but actually he feels that he is the one who has been helped. Actually he is happy because he can release his sadness and loneliness by projecting it to someone else. He can projects his feeling to others and relieve the pain he feels. The happiest thing he gets is his relationship with his mother gets better. He also has a new father, Reuben, who loves him very much.

Pay it forward changes Arlene. When Arlene is watching the show in which Trevor is inside it, Arlene is so proud of him. Yet, she also feels disappointed. She never knows that Trevor could do that wonderful thing to everyone. She never knows that Trevor could be such a great kid to bring an idea to change the world better. Arlene feels disappointed because she never knows that her son is able to do a great thing. She spends almost all of her time to work. She never accompanies her son, even just for talking. When she realizes that Trevor has made her proud, she mad at herself not to picture every steps of

changing whom Trevor makes. She feels sorry for being a bad mother, even though Trevor never mentions it. It is shown in one statement:

Now Trevor was standing in the yard beside Mrs. Greenberg's house...She was learning, along with much of the country, what her son did while out of the house. He had a life, and it hadn't struck her before, at least not in such an obvious way, that he existed on his own, apart from her (258).

Besides fixing his relationship with his mother and making his mother proud, Trevor also success in match matching Reuben and Arlene. Reuben and Arlene are finally engaged. This is a conversation between Reuben and Trevor about Reuben's plan to be engaged with Arlene. Reuben imagines Trevor would be happy to hear the news, but he never expects that Trevor will be very excited and over joy to hear. Trevor dreams of having a father who can give attention as Reuben has done all the time, comes true. Trevor is so excited, 'Yes!...Yes!' I knew it! I told you! This is so completely cool. Hey, I just thought of something. Can I call you Daddy now?' (176-177)

Trevor implies that he actually does the project for Reuben and his mother. He knows that he can bring them together. He does his projection for himself to the most people whom he loved, Arlene and Reuben. He projects his demand of father in Reuben's present. In one statement, Trevor states clearly that he is doing his projection to Reuben. He says to Reuben, 'I could teach you. You know what? This means something went right with my project after all' (179).

Other statement below shows Trevor does his projection to Reuben and Arlene:

It was practically my idea...I just knew you would. I just knew it. I don't have too many ideas for my project. (151)

The most important impact of pay it forward is, Trevor eventually shows to himself that his fear, his loneliness and his sadness as a child from a broken family which he represses for a long time can be projected into something good, for himself and for other people.

Trevor believes that the goodness he does to four people will be passed on and widespread throughout the world. Trevor believes that when we are kind to people and they do the same thing, the impact of the kindness will eventually return to the person who does the good deeds. Trevor hopes that there will be no misery and injustice in this world because Trevor himself does not want to have a bad thing, like seeing his parents quarrelling or losing his family. He creates pay it forward to convince himself that unjust world outside him is not real. He does it for his own satisfaction.

Overall, Trevor projects his repressed feeling. He tries to help himself and his family. He has done it very well. Moreover, he can help many people in the world. Even though he enjoys his happiness for a while, it gives many good things for him. When he meets President Bill Clinton and gets murdered because of unknown reason and unknown person the chain of goodness, pay it forward, does not stop. Pay it forward now famous with The Movement. The Movement still exists and even develops nation wide the success of pay it forward surely makes Trevor happy. The success also can make something wonderful for the people surroundings.

2. The Impact on People Whom Trevor Helps

Basically, pay it forward is an act of helping people. Trevor's idea is to help four people, then the four people will continue to help other four people. Yet, Trevor does not know who should be helped. He accidentally chooses Jerry, Mrs. Greenberg and Reuben and Arlene to be helped. Unconsciously, Trevor chooses them because they have the similarities feeling of sadness and loneliness like him. By doing pay it forward, Trevor has helped these people. They feel the impact of pay it forward.

a. Jerry

Jerry fails in holding Trevor's trust to quit using drugs. Jerry relapse and is arrested by the police. He gets jail for using drugs for months. After he gets out of prison, he helps a girl named Charlotte who wants to do suicide by jumping from the bridge into the bay. Jerry never does any help to others. But, Jerry who has been helped by Trevor believes that there are many miracles in the world and people can help each other to make the world better. He is amazed knowing Trevor who is only twelve-year-old can help him and gives him trust. He feels that he is forever in debt with Trevor. He is convinced that everyone can do a good thing for others. That is why, he always owes that kid a help that has to pay it forward.

Jerry stands near the bridge in a place named Atascadero. He waits for someone to do suicide jumping into the lake down the bridge. He feels certain someone will do it because he knows there are still desperate people who believe that they will be happier if they ended their lives by suicide. Jerry used to feel the

desperation and it worries him. That is why he turns to drugs and alcohols, two things that can make him forget all the problems he have.

Even though Jerry has a miserable life, Trevor has shown him that he is not the only person who feels miserable. When he finds Charlotte, he feels fortunate, because he never wants to end his life. It is a stupid act. He never gives up his life and Trevor strengthens his faith to live a better life. This is the statement from Jerry when he tries to convince Charlotte not to go jump because he has felt that escape from the problems by hurting or killing himself is not a solution:

Hey, I been down. I mean, just about every bad thing could happen to a person has happened to me. My life is shit.

Well, thank you so much Jerry. For coming here to convince me that life is worth living.

See, that's just the point, though. If my life is worth living, then yours has gotta better than you think. (132-133)

In above quotation, Jerry notices that Charlotte is desperate. Jerry can understand the feeling. He has been in that condition. Jerry has a perfect way of pay it forward to Charlotte.

b. Mrs. Ida Greenberg

Ida Greenberg is fortunate to have Trevor fixing her garden. She initially, has a big concern about her garden. Yet, she realizes that her age does not compromise her in cleaning her garden and taking care of it. Actually, she has

Richard. Unfortunately, she knows eventually that Richard never likes gardening and she does not get a long with him. She does not believe when Trevor firstly comes and says that he wants to help her with her garden without be paid. She never knows that a child at Trevor's age will do something to help or do good decd. Mrs. Greenberg is amazed by it. Then, she knows that Trevor is doing pay it forward and Trevor asks her to do the same thing to other people. She is surprised. She has felt pay it forward can bring happiness. Thus, she wants the chain of goodness made by Trevor continue because she wants other people feel the same feeling of happiness like her of being helped. She promised Trevor to help another person, to continue the act of goodness or pay it forward. In the end of her life, she gives her heritage to Matt, a bragger and Terri, a checker in a store near her house. She loves them because they always polite and friendly to her. More importantly, she can share and talk to them often.

Mrs. Greenberg talks to Trevor sometimes. She knows that he is a good boy. She hears from Trevor about pay it forward very much. She loves to help him with the project. She likes Trevor when he talks to her, because her son does not talk much with her. Her son, Richard, is too busy and never been there for her. She considers Trevor as her own son. She is happy for Trevor's companion. She knows that Trevor has made her the subject of his assignment, but she feel glad due to the fact that she enjoys chatting with Trevor. She definitely does not want to disappoint him. So, she continues the act of paying forward to two people she cares about, Matt and Terri. Mrs. Greenberg gives the same affection to Matt and

Terri as she does to her son. She realizes from Trevor's pay it forward she can give affection to Matt and Terri, the same treatment she gets from Trevor.

c. Reuben and Arlene

Reuben is a new social study teacher in Trevor's school. He never imagines finding such a child who can figure out a remarkable way to change his life and even the world. Reuben undergone a war in Vietnam and got his face injured. He gets scars in his face and one of his legs cripples because of grenade in the Vietnam's war. The worse, Reuben has lost two most beloved persons in his lives, his wife and his friend during the war. Since then, he does not have a spirit in life anymore. He becomes a cold person and sensitive. He has low self-esteem because he assumes people will look down on him because of his disfigured face and black skin.

Reuben feels void because the people he loves already passed away. His wife and his friend are the two people whom he cares very much. During their lifetime, they supported him very much. They always help him when he falls or feels bad about something or someone. They always made him motivated to do everything he wants in his life. Reuben lost them a lot. Now, when Reuben has lost his spirit, he also becomes paranoid about the way people looked at him because of his scars and his cripple legs. Thus, he hopes his students can help him to arouse his spirit with the assignment about changing the world better.

When Reuben first arrives at Trevor's school, he feels that Trevor has directly shown to make a friendship with Reuben. Reuben can see that Trevor is

different from the other children. When the other children are terrified to see him, Trevor looks on him closely. He looks surprised when Trevor wants to see his scars and asks him about the scars. Trevor has asked Reuben many questions, more than Reuben thought. He notices that Trevor pays attention to him a lot because Trevor always spends a little time with Reuben in the class, before or after the lesson, to chat or ask question about everything, not only from the lesson in the class. Reuben also asked about his opinion about something. Reuben feels that Trevor likes and comforts to talk to him. Reuben never sees Trevor hangs out with his friends. But, Reuben feels happy because Trevor gets close with him because he needs a friend too, and their friendship is beautiful.

At the first time Reuben gives the assignment stated changing the world better, Trevor is the only student who takes it seriously. Trevor is the only student who listens to the instruction and takes the assignment seriously. Trevor tells him what and how he is going to do about his project to fulfill the assignment. From the beginning, Reuben knows about Trevor's pay it forward and how it works to change the world better. Reuben knows that this pay it forward is purely Trevor's idea about chain of goodness. Reuben is certain Trevor will help the four people and hopes that four people will help another four people to continue the chain of goodness. Trevor sincerely believes that every human being in this world has a good heart to help others and ask nothing in return. But Reuben knows that Trevor feels disappointed to his father. Reuben knows that Trevor hates his father because his father always hurts him and his mother. Reuben knows that Trevor wants to help his mother. In order to do that, Trevor needs a father figure. Trevor

adores him very much and it leads to the figure of a father. Reuben is aware that Trevor wants him to replace Trevor's father. Reuben does not have any objection because he loves Trevor and Arlene and he is unwilling to part with them.

At first Trevor feel desperate because Jerry relapses and Mrs. Greenberg died. But then he becomes so excited in the matchmaking of Reuben and Arlene. His unconscious mind leads his strong feeling to the need of a father, and he thinks Reuben is a perfect father for him. He is aware that his mother will not forget his father until she finds another man to replace Ricky. Trevor tries hard to unite them and even arrange a date for them. Trevor successful does his projection to them. Reuben marries Arlene eventually. As Trevor expects, Reuben becomes a good father. Arlene is happy because Reuben is not ill-tempered man. Reuben loves her and Trevor very much. Reuben forgets about his past and starts new life with two people who love him and whom he loved very much. Thus, Trevor cannot replace with anything. His repressed feeling is released with the happiness he gets from Reuben and Arlene's happiness.

Reuben never realizes that he is included in Trevor's assignment pay it forward. He senses that Trevor is matchmaking him with Arlene. The knowledge comes when he comes to Trevor's house as a guess of Arlene invitation. Arlene feels she does not invite Reuben to come for dinner. They both know finally that Trevor did it. Reuben admits that he likes Arlene, but the way he and Arlene can get close together and eventually married are mostly because of Trevor.

Reuben initially feel offended because Trevor makes him the object of pay it forward. But he agrees that it makes everything better. He realizes that Trevor

has changed because of the project and it changes his perspective. Trevor with this pay it forward convinces him that people must not lose their hope because there are still many people out there who care about each other.

Arlene feels the same as Reuben. She is happy because Reuben who has been so nice to her and Trevor marry her finally. She feels certain that she, Reuben and Trevor will be happy as a family. Trevor has opened her eyes that Ricky will never change to be a good man. She also notices that Trevor unites her and Reuben. She is not aware if she and Reuben is in Trevor's pay it forward. At first, she does not like Trevor does it for her and Reuben. But, it does not matter anymore because she realizes that Reuben will be a good husband and a good father for Trevor and a good husband for her. It comes true. Reuben makes her and Trevor happy. Arlene never regrets Trevor practices pay it forward. It helps her to get closer to Trevor. It makes her think to give Trevor more attention and affection so that they can continue their lives better. In addition, it also helps her to fix her life and her family better.

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION