

Donation Deals Brothers Superbowl Reward

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Centerville, Tenn. - Brothers Jake Slivensky, 32, and Michael Magistro, 26, were included in the crowd of thousands of Superbowl revelers in Miami Sunday. Their father won tickets after donating \$100 to an orphanage fundraiser, never knowing the tickets were up for grabs.

"No, he didn't know. So, that was just kind of a, **WHAT?**," the boys' mother, Ginger Magistro, said Sunday evening, as she watched the game from her Hickman County home.

Ginger's husband, Michael Magistro, relocated to Lansing, MI, two weeks ago to follow his General Motors job, after the plant in Spring Hill all but closed late last year. Michael's generosity is evident: he donated \$100, online, toward a Mexico based orphanage, then handed the surprise, Superbowl tickets to his two sons who jumped at the chance to go.

"This trip to the Superbowl, which is obviously a once in a lifetime thing for most people - it doesn't happen without my parents," Jake Slivensky told NewsChannel 5 in a telephone interview from outside SunLife Stadium. "Especially my dad, who put the initial donation toward the orphanage."

The elder Michael Magistro, a 25-year GM employee, is planning to finish his tenure with the automaker, move toward retirement, while his wife remains based in middle Tennessee.

"Not too long after he left to go back up there, (we were) hearing rumors that Spring Hill was going to start bringing people back because they couldn't keep up with demand," said Ginger Magistro. "And that's upsetting when you've just uprooted again."

Ginger admits her husband did not have the \$100 to donate in December when he was, at the time, laid off by GM. She admits the holidays were lean.

"I think we're kinda lean people," she said, insisting the family has always lived fiscally responsibly. In spite of it all, "Life is pretty darn good," Ginger exclaimed.

She watched the television intently Sunday evening, knowing her sons were having the time of their lives in Miami.

The Magistros have two other sons, Justin Slivensky, 30; and Caleb Magistro, 23. Though all four sons do not share the same last name, they do share the same two parents. The two oldest sons carry Ginger's maiden name, Slivensky, since they were born before the couple was married. Michael and Caleb carry the Magistro name, since they came post marriage.

Brothers Jake and Michael are set to return Tuesday evening. Even though the two men had to fund their own airfare and hotel room, they are undoubtedly grateful, according to their mother, for this rare opportunity to witness such a worldwide sporting event.