You have it easily in your power to increase the sum total of this world's happiness now. How? By giving a few words of sincere appreciation to someone who is lonely or discouraged. Perhaps you will forget tomorrow the kind words you say today, but the recipient may cherish them over a lifetime. --Dale Carnegie

A Birthday Celebration for Every Child

The party for Faith and Joy, sisters celebrating their 4th and 11th birthdays, respectively, kicks up the typical din of tots, toddlers, and tweens. Faith, her braids decorated with flower-shaped pins, leans on the kitchen table, burrowing her face into the arms of her seated mother. Joy hurls herself into the festivities, getting her face painted like a cat's along with other children. Home for this party is Evelyn House, a shelter for homeless families. Faith and Joy's party comes courtesy of Birthday Wishes, a nonprofit ensuring that children in more than 30 homeless shelters don't miss childhood's simple pleasure of a party honoring their birth.

Be The Change:

Surprise someone with an appreciative note or a phone call today.