



Smiles are Priceless

Description



My friend Cathy is someone who makes me **smile**. Weâ€™ve become fast friends and share a lot of things in common. She knows no strangers, has a big heart, and kept me smiling with her quick wit at the [BlogHer conference](#) this summer. Even though Iâ€™ve only gotten to know Cathy in the last few months people thought we were sisters. There was even a comment from someone that we reminded

her of Kathy Lee and Hoda from the Today Show. We didnâ€™t even have a wine glass in front of us at the time!

Cathy blogs at Live Happy and she recently shared the story [â€œThe \\$10 Smile.â€](#) Itâ€™s a great story about how a little token of appreciation can make someoneâ€™s day. Cathyâ€™s husband (who is as sweet as she is) gives a street musician a \$10 bill and the smile on his face is priceless. You can read the full story [here](#). What we may consider a small gesture of gratitude is often HUGE to someone else. I believe simple acts of kindness also create a chain reaction in others to pay it forward. Cathyâ€™s story reminded me of a similar experience of my own.

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My husband and I were walking down the street in the notorious French Quarter district and came across a man holding a sign that said HUGE ASS BEERS. I immediately saw a photo opportunity and took a picture of the man. I can get a little snap happy with my camera on vacations. The man then let

us hold the sign so we could get a picture of the two of us. My husband gave him \$10 and you would have thought it was a \$100 bill. From that point on my husband was known as "the man" and we got high fives and hugs. The small act of generosity was greatly appreciated and unexpected. In our world filled with expectations and a sense of entitlement these are the kinds of **smiles** that are priceless.

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