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Persuasive Essay

Can Money Buy You Happiness?

“Money makes the world go round.” quoted from the musical ‘*Cabaret*’. For years people have been debating whether money can buy you happiness. Those in favor know that money can buy you or someone else happiness. Without money you cannot afford to pay for basic necessities in life like food, water, and shelter. If you have money you can afford to help others have a better life. By doing that, that could bring you happiness.

Without money you cannot afford to pay for basic necessities in life like food, water, and shelter. In 2013, there were 45.3 million people in poverty in this country (“Facts On Hunger” 1). If those 45.3 million people were given money they would be happy. Those people could use the money to help pay for the basic necessities that they might be struggling to pay for otherwise. One in every nine people on this planet goes to bed hungry every night, and each year 3.1 million children die from poor nutrition and hunger (“Facts On Hunger” 1). If they had money I think that would put smiles on their faces and take the weight off of their shoulders about struggling to make ends meet.

If you do have money you can afford to help others have a better life. Those who are blessed to have a bed to sleep in and food on the table every night. You can become happier when you help others who aren't as fortunate as us. When you help someone in need you feel a sense of pride and happiness that you helped make someone else happy. If you give a homeless person twenty, or even ten dollars I'm sure you helped make their day because they could use that money to get food. Which, they might not have done if you didn't give

them that money. In June of 2012 Harvard University conducted a study and found out that helping others actually boost's people's emotional and physical well being.

Billionaire Mark Cuban stated that success isn't defined by your wallet it's defined by waking up with a smile on your face, knowing it's going to be a great day. Defenders of this topic say that if you have money you might attract a different type of people. People might just be your friend for your money, and when you realize it that can make you very sad. This is not true because you can only try to force a smile and tell yourself you are happy for so long.

Martha C. White stated doing things with friends or family, even if it's not as exciting, makes you happy because it fosters a sense of togetherness and connection between you and other people.

In conclusion, money can buy you happiness. You can help someone else feel happy by giving them money and helping them pay for basic necessities. Also by helping other people it makes you feel joyful and thankful for the things you have. Without money you couldn't afford to pay for the things we need but also enjoy. I agree that money can buy you happiness because you can help make yourself happy, you can make others happy, and you need money to pay for basic things. When you are driving down the street again and see a homeless person you should give them \$10, you never know it might change their life.