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I wonder if you have any idea how many lives you touch.

I'm not talking about the big, showy things that get written up in newspapers or make the evening news.

I'm talking about the little everyday things you do so easily, like a compliment when someone is feeling down or a smile that seems to say, “I accept you just as you are.”

It seems that the goodness in your heart just spills over and spreads happy feelings to everyone around you.
9-12-06

Dr. Collins,

Thank you so much for the videotape. It will always be cherished by Andrea and the entire family.

Last fall, Andrea's baby was born prematurely and died. Bobby's sudden death this summer was a second tragedy. Your tribute to his life was wonderful.

Marion LaMayfield

And so, I just want to thank you for being who you are and to let you know that I'm one of those people whose life is just a little happier because you're in this world.

Bobbie Burrow

P.S. Enclosed is a note from Andrea.
Dr. Collins,

Thank you so much for taking time out from your busy schedule to speak to our 4th grade students. The entire ECC #61 community is so appreciative of your knowledge and wisdom that you shared. Your generosity is outstanding.

Sincerely, The ECC #61 Learning Community
Dear Dr. Collins,

Thank you so much for your never-ending support and persistence.

I am thrilled by my appointment and so excited to continue Laura's and my journey at #61. I love working with her and we're a great team!

Look for greatness at #61! I am very appreciative of all that you have done for me.

so much

Thank you again.
Take care and I'll see you soon.

Sincerely,
Carol
Nice people who shared your celebration.
I was so touched that you acknowledged my presence...
Like you said, "Every so often you need a "Pat on your Head."
Thanks for mine.

Love you Yaungster
Carol

P.S. Here is my e-mail:
thon@verizon.net
Small "+" on

Wishing heavenly peace
to you and yours this Christmas.

Thank you for your care. You can't imagine
The joy I've received at your Award Ceremony... First of all to see the
Next year accomplishments... Much
Beyond our early years together. Catherine
was, in my life, the best teacher, person, and Nurse. I was
also blessed at your special evening to revisit with Catherine & Mary
Jo O'Sullivan. I also met so many
October 18, 2016

Dear Regent Collins,

Thank you for taking time to meet with me yesterday.

I look forward to future discussions regarding our 15/7 course requirement proposal and efforts to enhance New York's CTE programs.

Best Regards,

Peter
Apr. 3, 2017

Dear Judith Catherine,

Just a note to let you know how very proud I am of you for your many achievements and hard work. I am blessed to know you and to call you "sister-friend".

With love and blessings,

Jackie
Dear Dr. Collins,

Congratulations on being nominated for the 2018 Athena Award!

Best,

[Signature]

Lindsey
Dr. Collins,

your commitment to education in New York State is to be commended.

Thank you for including the High School to College event on your schedule. We appreciate you sharing your insights regarding Information Literacy and how best to address the gap from secondary to college and beyond.

Regards,

Heather Daniels
Dear Regent Collins:

Thank you so much for giving opening remarks at the education diversity workshop at the NYSABPRC conference. We appreciate your leadership and commitment to this important issue and look forward to staying in touch on potential solutions.

Thanks again!

Best wishes,

Abha Mudha

Tilley Lenski

The Education Trust—New York

Closing the gaps in opportunity and achievement, pre-K through college.

2/20/18
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THIS CARD IS MADE WITH PAPER FROM WELL-MANAGED FORESTS.
Dear Catherine,

I wanted to send you a personal note of thanks for participating in our event on March 10th, Transformational Leadership: Women In Power.

Your insights, thoughts, experiences and background are inspirational and aspirational. Also, I know that day was incredibly busy, so I send you extra-special thanks for making the time.

Thank you for being a cheerleader & leader for us all.

= Ursula
We just want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank You

Thank you for thinking of the staff and students of Bennett High School. It's good to know that our hard work has not gone unnoticed. A+! The students really enjoyed the Eurythmics Fashion Show. Thanks again!

Ramona Reynolds
Principal
Dr. Collins,

I would like to thank you for the many blessings that you bestowed upon my family and I during the tragic loss of my son. Your words, presence, and gifts were deeply appreciated. When it comes to gender, there are females and women, but in these gender there are those who can be called a lady. Lady is the highest compliment that one can bestowed upon this gender but it takes a very measured amount of the right qualities to obtain this status. Integrity, credibility, intelligence etc. is what one must possess. You have them all. You are a true lady. Please stay in contact and may God continue to bless you.

[Signature]

[Handwritten Text]
Dear De. Collins,

ST. MARTIN DEPORRES BOY SCOUTS
TROOP #139

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE FOOTBALL TICKETS. WE HAD A GREAT TIME.

Sijad Moore
James Tyes
Brandon Barksdale
Leshawn Johnson

Zyiah Vance

Kaleb Walker

Ali Alsono

Frank Gist

Leona Harper
Committee Chairman

James Morell
Scoutmaster
In praise of good people who give of themselves, share the love, and make our hearts so grateful!

Sincerely,

A. Charles Brandy

Thank you for attending the Annual Diabetes Luncheon. Your dedication and support is greatly appreciated.

[Handwritten text]
Thanks!
You have a special way...
Thank you so much.

Thank you Dr. Collins.

Thank you very much, Dr. Collins.

Love, 

Thank you for making the book. We love Tahara! Thanks for writing this book with us, love Aleaha.

Tommie Claiborne
pemetrius walls

Linda Love Dr. zalo Yeda Yah
Willie Lumph
Janai Jah
Gerald
Darcon
of doing the nicest Justus

Tanjon & things! Aluria
Thank you Dr. Collins Taisquan Thomas
Thank you Dr. Collins. Kayliia was so grateful.
Thank you, Dr. Collins for visiting us once again Donia Ellis.

Thank you for making our 100th. with us, love Deelon.

Thank you Dr. Collins Shara Knox
Derek Traxon Land thank you Dr. Collins
Thank you Dr. Collins for all you've did for us. Toast Javan

Thanks very much Dr. Collins's snakey yahotton
Antwan Gwadez o go.
“Buffalo Gals” is an American folk tune with a meandering history: Originally published in 1844, it was titled “Lubly Fan” – dialect for Lovely Fanny – and beckoned a young woman to come out and dance. Although credited to the blackface minstrel John Hodges, it was probably adapted from other songs and moved easily between published versions and folk tunes learned by ear. The lyrics may have been inspired by an English singing game “Pray, Pretty Miss” while the tune is reminiscent of a German music hall song.

Versions of “Buffalo Gals” may have existed in oral tradition long before it was performed on minstrel stages; the song was known as “Round Town Gals” or “Round Town Girls” in Virginia and West Virginia. It’s also been suggested the song originated in one of the seamier sections of 19th century Buffalo, NY. Adjacent to the Erie Canal ran “the wickedest street in the world” where Lake Erie sailors, canal workers, lowlifes, and “ladies” of a certain reputation frequented the city’s many waterfront dive bars.

The words were frequently localized as the popular song moved about the United States with traveling minstrel troupes: “Charleston Gals,” “Bowery Gals,” “New York Gals,” and “Philadelphia Gals.” By 1848, “Buffalo Gals” had become the preferred version.

In honor and celebration of the ongoing resurgence here in Buffalo, NY we present BUFFALO GALS!

Buffalo gals won’t you come out tonight?
Come out tonight, come out tonight.
Buffalo gals won’t you come out tonight?
And dance by the light of the moon.
Dear Catherine,

Congratulations on your retirement from ESC! I know you will continue to do great things for the community and for education as a Regent. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

I look forward to a continued collaboration and friendship.

Best,

[Signature]
To a Special Mother

You're my role model, my teacher, my treasure and my friend.
You are everything to me.

Happy Mother’s Day With Love

[Signature]
Hoping
that little moments
of grace and goodness
will bring some lightness
to your heart
with each new day.

Dear Dr. Collins,
I want to extend my sincere
sympathies on the loss of your
nephew. I am so sorry that
such tragedy has touched
you and your family. My
deepest condolences.

Jane Benyansk
ECASB.
You worked HARD... really, REALLY HARD.
My dear Luke Catherine,

Put in the hours, battled the frustrations... gave of your blood, sweat, and tears.

I'm still in awe that you reached out to me, after thinking of you so recently. Thank you for requesting my assistance; I'm honored! Let me again reiterate how pleased I am proud of your appointment. Knowing that you are at the helm gives me greater hope. I know you bring your heart to the work! Sincerely Regards

Marilyn Patterson Shant

And now... finally... it all paid off. Congratulations
My dear Catherine

Thanks so much for gracing me with your presence at my retirement party. Your presence meant so much to me. You are such a "class act!"

I love my wall plaque! It is simply beautiful and so unique.

I'm off to St. Martin in 2 weeks. My friend Juliette gave me this trip as a graduation gift. You met her at my pajama party.

(Love)
I can't wait to relax and release any stress.

Stay in touch!

Much love,

[Marilyn's signature]

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Nita Leger Casey
Dear Catherine,

Heartfelt thanks for your participation and leadership in LISA! I am so very appreciative and you are such an extraordinarily role model.

Terry