Money is the Key to Happiness

I believe that money does bring happiness. As a child, I loved having money. After the arduous tasks of folding the laundry or washing dishes, I would receive a meager allowance of five dollars. The feel of the crisp dollar bills and the smell of the hard earned freedom that came with it was always a proper exchange. I always had people telling me, “money can't bring you happiness,” and instead of speaking up and contradicting them, I would just go with it. I figured, if you can’t beat them, join them. I know there are a lot of people out there with no money, or who come from a family ridden with poverty, and who are quite satisfied with what they have received from their lives. But, how often does that really happen? Living in Washington, where it is obviously legal to panhandle, I have seen how unhappy some of the homeless people look and it makes me think about how much happiness money is capable of bringing.

I know that there are wealthy people who are unhappy. However, the unhappiness is usually caused by a past personal experience, not the fact that they have money. The influence of money in happiness can be easily outweighed by the loss of a family member stricken by an incurable disease, like cancer, AIDs, or even Ebola. So, in no way am I saying that money is the most important thing in life, but having money takes out a large portion of family troubles. There are some people that say money can’t bring you love, like almost every sitcom or family show on television. I also disagree. People say, “Oh, they don’t actually love you, they just love you for your money.” Well... It’s love nonetheless. Who said it had to be genuine? I see love as it is.

I believe that money can bring happiness because with the money comes a variety of doors that become unlocked. Our lives are practically planned out. We are born, we go through school, we get a job and we have children that get to restart the cycle. But, what is it that helps us get through the obstacles keeping us from getting to the next stage in life? Money is the key to the many possibilities that comes with it. Essentially, the more money I had the more possibilities that were open to me, like being able to take a vacation or being able to go to an exotic area, or even just paying for college.
I have a friend who is terminally ill, and his family isn’t the richest. I see how his family struggles to support his medical bills, on top of the cost for his siblings and his home. A lot of rich people donate money to finding the cure to his illness, and I know for a fact that if they were to finally come out with the cure, it would be because of all the money people have put toward saving lives and making his life more fulfilling and undoubtedly happier. I see a lot of people that come out to the CF walks to support his illness and be there for him. They donate millions of dollars to make the lives of the less fortunate, a little easier.

I have had people tell me about the greedy, rich part of the community and how heartless they are. I hear all this and I disagree. I feel like they tend to develop a disliking to them because they have to work harder and never get the chance to be able to get to where the rich people are. People often take this, and out of spite, come to the conclusion that they’re heartless people who don’t care about the little guys. Having a lot of money isn’t a greedy, or heartless, thing. It’s just something that let’s you sit back and relax a little earlier than the rest, and this is why I believe money does bring happiness.