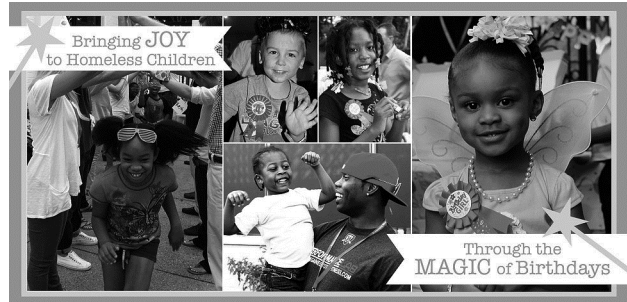


The Birthday Party Project

- 1 On a flight from Dallas to Africa to visit a friend, event planner Paige Chenault daydreamed about the luxurious birthday party she'd organised for her daughter Lizzie. Then, flipping through a magazine, she saw a photo of a poor Haitian boy, his belly swollen. "I thought, this kid has absolutely nothing," Paige says. The image stayed with her, and she made up her mind to do something to help. "I decided then and there I would use my talents to organise birthday parties for homeless kids," Paige says.



- 2 For the next four years, Paige and her husband, Colin, took time out from parenthood to visit shelters to find out how to start with the parties. Finally, in January 2012, Paige started the Birthday Party Project, an organization, providing special days for kids who need them most. They recruited friends and family to help decorate the Family Gateway Shelter in Dallas with balloons and streamers, celebrating the birthdays of 11 boys and girls, with more than 60 homeless kids as party guests. "That first party was better than I could have ever imagined," says Paige.
- 3 Now Paige and her staff of three paid employees work with regional volunteers to plan monthly themed parties at 15 shelters all across the country. Each child celebrating a birthday that month gets \$30, a photoshoot and an individual cake or cupcakes.
- 4 One of Paige's favorite parts of each party is when the kids make a wish and blow out the candles. "They rarely get a chance to dream big," says Paige. Her daughter, Lizzie, now seven, often helps out at the parties. Paige says, "The one thing I've always wanted is for my own kid to be generous."
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- 1p 8 Wanneer kwam Paige Chenault op het idee iets leuks voor arme kinderen te gaan doen? (alinea 1)
- A tijdens een bezoek aan een arm land
 - B tijdens een lange vliegreis
 - C tijdens het verjaardagsfeest van haar dochter

- 1p 9 Welke bewering over de verjaardagsfeestjes is juist volgens alinea 2?
- A Er hielpen allerlei vrijwilligers mee aan de uitwerking ervan.
 - B Er werden sponsoren gezocht om alles te kunnen betalen.
 - C Om tijd te hebben voor de organisatie, namen Paige en haar man ontslag.

- 2p 10 Geef in de uitwerkbijlage bij elke afbeelding aan of de jarige zoiets wel of niet krijgt op het verjaardagsfeestje. (alinea 3)
Omcirkel 'wel' of 'niet' in je uitwerkbijlage.

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- 1p 11 Wat wil Paige duidelijk maken aan haar eigen dochter? (alinea 4)
- A dat al je dromen uit kunnen komen
 - B dat het fijn is om anderen iets te geven
 - C dat je met iets heel kleins anderen kunt helpen