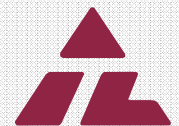


# I Make A Difference

- Summary: A high school teacher wanted to give her students something special at the end of the year that they would remember so she thought about giving them a blue ribbon with the words: I Make A Difference!
- On them and bring them up one at a time and tell them how each one of them has made a positive difference in her life.
- She then gave each student three more ribbons per student and told them to carry it on and get back with her in a couple of weeks to see how it went.



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- Well one of the students gave his ribbon to his Junior Achievement Coach – who made a positive difference since he was always there for him when he needed him. He then gave the Coach two more ribbons and told him to carry it on.
- The Junior Achievement Coach thought about it and gave it to the CEO of his company which was a very grumpy man but yet had taught him a lot and he admired him so he wanted to tell him that he had made a difference in his life.
- Upon giving it to his CEO along with the additional ribbon the CEO just melted. Nobody had ever given him anything like that and he had no idea that someone admired him. His attitude changed greatly after that.



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- The CEO then took his ribbon home and thought about who he was going to give his to. His teenage son walked into the room and sat on the couch. The CEO turned to his son and said: “You know son I know I am at work all the time and hardly spend time with you but I wanted to let you know that you are one of the most important people in my life besides your mom and I just love you so much”.
- The son turned to his Dad and started crying.... He said “Dad I am so happy to hear that, I was just up in my room writing you and Mom a suicide letter and I was going to shoot myself tonight.” Sure enough the Dad went up to his son’s room and found the letter and the gun.
- The son didn’t feel like he had a purpose in life but after that incident with his father his life changed and he grew up to be a very successful young man.



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- Everyday our kids hear on average 437 negative things throughout the day and only 32 positive. Let's make sure we are on of the positive influences in their lives and we tell them often how much they mean to us.
- I am handing out stickers (4) to each employee in hopes that we carry on this wonderful example to our company, our community and even to our own homes.
- **Let's Make A Difference!**

