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Making Birthday Wishes Come True

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In May, Stratford's "Kids Helping Kids" coordinated a service learning project called, "Birthday in a Box" (BIAB) for the organization "Birthday Wishes." The BIAB program was created in 2005 to serve homeless children in domestic violence shelters, scattered sites, motels, and other locations. Party supplies are carefully packaged inside a brightly wrapped box and delivered to the program, agency, motel, or other facility for distribution to families, along with a bag full of wrapped gifts for the birthday celebrant. Each birthday box also contains everything necessary for a great birthday celebration. Stratford students and parents donated supplies such as candles, cake mix, party hats, decorations, cake frosting, plates, cups, and more to help a child in need celebrate his/her most special day. Seventy-five brightly colored boxes were decorated, wrapped, and filled with the birthday party necessities. Stratford students loved being able to brighten a child's day and bring a smile to their face!