

## #batchofkindness - Longer Stories & Birthday Wishes

My 22 year old daughter, Rebecca, passed away on 11/13/13 from malignant brain cancer & on the 13th of every month I drop off a batch of Jools' Chemo Buddies to the cancer center where she received monthly infusions. This is a project she and I developed before she died and I am continuing it in her honor. Jools' Chemo Buddies are clean, gently loved stuffed animals that are given to adult cancer patients. Rebecca believed that no one should have to go through chemo alone. This month's batch will be delivered on the 19th instead of the 13th in recognition of Batch of Kindness Day.

5 years ago, I graduated from university. What was one of the high points in my life was short-lived because my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer soon after. I foregone graduate school and moved back home to care for my mother while she underwent chemotherapy. She's been in remission for 2 years now. Since then, I've always intended on going back to volunteer my free time at the hospital my mother was treated. Time is a luxury I'm currently short of due to my work and grad school program. The #BatchofKindness campaign was the catalyst I needed. Every weekend of July I'm volunteering in the children's ward of the hospital. It's incredibly rewarding to be a source of support to these parents and families whose children are ill. Also, it's fun to give these children fun experiences while they're confined to the hospital. Playing games, reading books and just having a conversation with them has given me so much. I hope I've helped them as much as they've helped me.

**I would like my first batch of kindness to be in the form of a thank you; first off to Michelle for all your hard work and enthusiasm and to all the Cumber Collective for giving me a place to be. My second act of kindness is going to happen at street level. I live in a large city and we have homeless and needy aplenty here. I personally have always been adverse to giving money to those begging alms on the street with a multitude of excuses like not wanted to have to take off my backpack and dig for my wallet, not wanting to be seen as a target on the street with my wallet out, and the worst excuse is simply turning a blind eye. This is going to change on July 19th! Of course the main reason it is going to change is because Benedict asked us to reach out. He's all of our role models in so many ways how can we deny his request. I will enjoy every last dollar I give with love and hope the small ripple effect created by all of us gives Ben a day that is awash in love and joy.**

Greetings from Peru! Well, my friends usually say I'm always kind, but today I made an extra effort :)

I told my mum I love her more than ten times today, which is more than usual really.

I smiled to everybody today

I visited my grandparents and hug them for, apparently, no reason

I'm sending funny text messages to my best friend because tomorrow is her birthday. yay! and she's feeling a bit blue..

I'm giving a kiss in the cheek to all my aunts if I see them

Fortunately, here in Peru is still 04:41 pm so I have more time to be specially kind.

Anyway, I want to say thank you Benedict for sharing your talent and charisma with the world. Also tahnks for inspiring so many people to be kind, you're making this world a better one.

You're amazing, never change..

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Since I was 9 or 10, I remember a Roma woman that used to work cleaning for several residents associations in our neighbourhood, until they decided to hire a proper employee from a cleaning service. She kept going from door to door, once a month or every two months asking for the charity of the neighbours: food, clothing, toys for her little children... At first she told us that she was looking for others associations to clean; she was confident about finding a new job because she had a lot of experience and several letters of recommendation.

But time went by and nobody employed her. She kept coming to our building and we were really happy to support her, but after all these years, old neighbours left and new ones arrived, not caring about her situation, and at the end only two or three of us kept helping her. Lucky for me, I'm currently working at my family business in the same street where I live, in a grocery store. We are always trying to give a helping hand to her and others that are in the same situation. It's really hard to see them struggling to get some food for the day. The good thing is that our shop works as a "center" of a web where clients left food/props/clothing for the people in need who come every day.

Two days ago this woman came to our store and didn't ask for food. She told us crying that she couldn't cook it, because her electric stove stopped working few days ago and she didn't want the food we usually give her to go off. Luckily, here was this man shopping and listening to her, and offered her an used but fully operational electric stove, to collect in our shop today, Saturday 19th at 11 am.

We'd had big smiles on our faces all morning. When she entered the shop and saw her new stove she had the most priceless face I've ever seen in my entire life. Tearful and almost speechless, she thanked us for all these years of support, telling us that their children think of us now with reason as a fairy god-mother.

Hi, Happy belated Birthday, Benedict!!! Wanted to post this on Saturday, but was sick and sitting in the ER at my local hospital (I'm fine!) Anyhow, this past week I donated some items to a local shop and felt good to give back, not just to people who REALLY need help, but also to our planet..... am waiting to hear about donating time at a local Habitat for Humanity because homelessness and loss of any kind, for an individual or a family, is something that we all share on some level throughout our lives, or we are touched by either in our society... I have an adorable Nana, who just turned 93 on the 14th, and she has always said that it is kindness towards others that has gotten her to this beautiful age, and she's as smart as a whip!!! She wants me to help her clean out some of her clothes, purses and such to donate to her church for their garage sale next month! I will gladly help her, not only do I get to spend time with her, but I'll donate some of my excess things as well, (and help her beloved church) These things seem small, but am so proud to help our planet and all of us who live here, plus get to spend time with my hero, Viola, er, Nana!!!!

**I think this website is a great idea and a true inspiration. I try to be useful to society - I'm quite kind altogether ;) and I give away clothes, books etc. to people in need. I never truly volunteered though (apart from cultural events) and this website inspired me to make a first step. Today I contacted some institutions with whom I will be working soon - helping elderly and one other. Thank you for inspiration. Oh, and I write short funny stories for my friends when they're feeling blue. I think this counts as kind ? ;)**

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First, let me wish you a happy and joyous birthday. I've questioned my right to say this to you, as it is likely our paths will never cross. I find I spend a good deal of time apologizing for my interest in everything to do with you. It's not like this level of appreciation is something I make a regular habit of. I'm not what you might consider part of the "fandom".

However, I've been thinking about why. When you look in the mirror and wonder why it is the world has suddenly flung itself at your feet, before you break into a laugh over it, think about the following things.

Acting. Acting is a wonderful and ancient art form. In the hands of someone gifted, a movie or a play can be a transformative experience. It can bring history alive, allow an individual to walk in someone else's shoes. I truly believe that it is only seeing through someone else's eyes can we truly understand what they are going through. A truly talented actor/actress is the vehicle through which the screenwriter/playwright depends to bring their creation alive to deliver their message. A gifted actor can speak to our deepest emotions. To help us feel things we did not even know we have felt.

Great acting matters. It is a noble art form. And in much the way we revere artists, writers, directors, journalists, statesmen and women, and musicians, we also revere the great actors of our day. From watching your recent body of work, I can safely say that in a few years time, you will be acknowledged as the greatest actor of your day. That day has not yet come here in the United States. But it's coming soon. And for that reason alone, Benedict, your amazing gift—which is actually a gift to the world, is to be celebrated.

But that still does not explain why so many people are so taken with you. Once a "fan" discovers your talent, they begin to want to learn more about the person behind it. It's a natural impulse. To want to understand where a person was educated, what in their background enables them to perform such feats of genius.

None of us actually "know" you Benedict, as a personal friend or co-worker. But there is a public record out there, a composite portrait of who you are as a human being, and THAT public persona—the warmth, the depth of your convictions, your dedication, and your love and loyalty to those close to you, your crazy humor and ability to laugh at yourself, your occasional awkwardness and intensity, and just your basic ability to be who you feel like being at any given moment is what endears you. It's basically, the magnitude of your talent combined with the obvious humility of your nature that makes your fans love you. Of course, yes, you are blessed with a unique beauty—but that beauty is only beautiful in that it is lit from within by your spirit and warmth. No, we don't know you, but that is what shines straight through for everyone to see.

So yes—there are more important things in the world. But art IS important, Benedict. Art is what reminds us we ARE human. Art is what reminds us of joy, compassion, beauty, reverence, sorrow, empathy for the human condition. And you are a master of this art form that delivers human emotion in such a graceful and noble manner.

And if that's not enough, you are using your fame, your gift to help others. You are setting an example that will hopefully be emulated, And, in this world full of ugliness and hate, your message, and the ability you have to deliver it should be celebrated!

Happy Birthday and Happy Birthday to the millions of other people who were also born on this day! It's your day to celebrate, too! Life is wonderful!

Have a wonderful birthday! Laugh when you look in the mirror—because though you are gifted with nearly supernatural beauty and talent, you are still just a man..and the beauty in you exists in all of us. It's just that your remind us of this every day, and for that, we thank you.

Lisa Amowitz (lisaamowitz.com) and the VIP lounge

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To participate in Batch of Kindness, I made 12 cards out of patterned paper. On the inside, I put a picture of Ben and a printed message that read,  
"Do You Know This Man?"

July 19th marks the birthday of world-famous actor, Benedict Cumberbatch. He has asked us, his fans, to pass on kindness to those who may need it much more than he, rather than to him. Batch of Kindness is a way of 'paying it forward,' where one is asked to pass on a good deed after one has been done for them in Benedict's name. Benedict Cumberbatch and I ask of you to pass on a good deed in the near future, in the name of being neighborly and kind. Let's make the world a better place; together." along with a link to this site telling them to visit for more information.

Also, along with the printed message, I put a handwritten message in each card- each one saying something different. I put what I thought were some lovely compliments, and I really hope I made people's days a bit brighter by passing them out.

I went to Barnes and Noble in Worcester, Massachusetts with my father and passed them out to anyone willing to take them, and I went home without a single card in hand. I think it was a pretty good day, and I'm glad I got the opportunity to participate in this amazing cause!

I will be at work on July 19th but I am planning to do as much as I can while I am there. I have already planned one of my acts of kindness..I and others at work have been a bit unfair to a fellow employee of ours, and though I have already apologized to her, I am planning on doing something else, as well. She is very devout in her faith, and she has a t-shirt that says, "Keep Calm and Pray On." I was looking at journals last night at Wal-Mart and found one that says that same exact thing on the leather cover! It also has Bible verses on the bottoms of the pages. I bought it for her because I think she will love it and because I think it might show her that someone is thinking of her. I will probably tuck a Cumbercard inside the cover..I also want to use the Idea page on this site for my other acts of kindness..I want to leave encouraging messages for people in random places at my place of work. I work in a state park, so I could have fun with that. :)

I really care about this kind of stuff because I feel like it is exactly what Benedict would want all of us to do. I would really like to meet him one day (though I am unable to travel to London right now, I hope that maybe the planets will align just right one day); doing stuff like this makes it feel as though I am at least connecting with him in some way.

Yesterday was Benedict's B-Day(HAPPY BIRTHDAY!) and as #batchofkindness I decided (i wanted to do it for so long ) to go help one old lady which lives in our small town. She has many cats and she feeds a lot of animals in the town and she saved a lots of them too. She has no one and almost nobody like her because they think she is crazy. She hurt her leg time ago. And she has to leave house in 3 months because of it-and because she has no money. So I just asked her if she wants to help with something and after she asked me two hundred questions why would I help her she said that I could clean her house because she cannot do it with her leg. Then we grilled the meal I brought and we were talking about her cats (She said me the stories of their lives) and she was talking about hers life. Actually I had an amazing day and It seemed she was happy for a while. Today I visited her again cos we've made a "deal" I will shop for her when she needs. And also she asked me if I couldn't come often to help her clean the house. (it was really difficult to me to go and ask her, I am bad in talking to people because I often get nervous and can't speak so I actually helped myself too. I am glad I did it and glad that something like #batchofkindness helped me and gave me the opportunity to do a good thing )

Love from The Czech Republic.

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I won't be able to do things all day on July 19th as I work, but I'll try to do some little things. However, I'll share with you the biggest thing I do and will always be doing. I have been a volunteer for my local humane society for five years. It started out walking dogs, but it turned into so much more. Before I knew it, I would be spending time with extremely ill animals before they run in paradise at the Rainbow Bridge, I would become a failed foster three times over, I would be receiving two or three hours of sleep because a fearful dog is too afraid to come into the house at night, I would be learning physical therapy on dogs while fostering an amputee after they were hit by a car, I would be out in the community speaking about what we do and debunking the myths of animal welfare, and I would be the one who fosters the most mentally or physically damaged dogs that need a second chance at life.

I live and breathe this way of life, and the best part? So does my husband. He supports this 1000%. Yes. One thousand percent. This way of life comes with much reward with little thanks, but that doesn't bother me. When I see an animal leave my home healthy and happy, I always think that's the way the animal is saying thank you to me. Sometimes, it comes with great sadness because the sixteen year old little Yorkshire Terrier couldn't hold on any longer or the tumors just won't stop growing on the six year old Great Dane. At that moment, you dedicate a full day to them doing fun dog things before they no longer need to suffer.

Regardless, it's rewarding either way. You either see a dog you fostered get adopted, you become a failed foster and adopt that animal, or you let that animal go to the Rainbow Bridge knowing you gave them a better life than what they have previously experienced.

This is what I do as a second full time job, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

**Before I leave a message for Benedict, I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude and a deep heartfelt thank you to Michelle for this beautiful idea that has united Benedict admirers from all across the world! Thank you so much Michelle :-)** Your efforts will most certainly be rewarded manifold in kind!

**Benedict Cumberbatch has successfully managed to melt hearts across the planet with his suave personality and not to forget, his limitless generosity towards everyone. Come July 19 this year, I intend to perform one such act of random kindness by distributing school supplies to children at one of the government schools located in my area. I have much bigger dreams and ambitions in this regard & one day definitely hope to accomplish them. But what better day, than to put the first stepping stone towards that goal!**

**My message for Benedict: Dearest Benedict, I wish you a very happy birthday and may you be blessed with loads of love, happiness, pure sunshine health, great influences and immense good fortune. I wish you all the success in every endeavor you undertake in your personal and professional life. I sincerely hope you have a fruitful day and wish you a fantastic future ahead! Cheers :-)**

*Hello Benedict, I hope that you have a birthday that is as awesome as you are! You are a beautiful person, both inside and out. Love and Hugs, Anna*

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There is a famous expression by the Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky that Beauty Will Save the World. I disagree with him because I do believe that not beauty but Kindness will save the world. Watching the world falling people less and less express their kindness being afraid that it can be considered as their weakness. In the world where aggression and war reign I declare that I still believe in human's kindness. I know that one action cannot change the world, but I'm Starting With The Man In The Mirror. I don't really think that something we do to others should be announced but this quiet feeling which warms your heart when you fall asleep knowing that you did something good, makes me live and move further. Everyday I have a routine walk around my neighborhood and feed every stray dog and cat I see. When some of them need treatment I buy medications and treat them. I take some of them out of street, and find the new home for them. Two of them stayed with me forever. I leave full plate of food and fresh water next to my door knowing that about 5 cats will come after midnight and find their breakfast/supper there. My neighbour, a woman over 60 has dreamt about anthuriums blooming on her window but she couldn't afford it because her pension is too low. I just left a pot of anthuriums at her door and she was so happy to find them there. Maybe she guesses that it was me, but looking at her shining face I didn't care what she would tell me in return. Being an administrator of Benedict Cumberbatch's fan-club in Russian social network I offered all non-English speaking members to translate their wishes for Benedict into English and some of them accepted my offer. Kindness is a diagnosis. Our life consists of such short moments, but it makes us feel so good when you look back and understand that you have changed something and made this world a little bit happier and kinder. For me, kindness is a diagnosis. And if you have it, share it everyday with anyone in need and save the world.

Love from Azerbaijan,  
Lala

Dear Benedict, happy happy happy birthday! This batch of kindness idea is absolutely fantastic. Today I volunteered at a homeless shelter and fed meals to over 200 people. It feels good to do good! this batch of kindness totally inspired me to be a good person. You have even inspired me! I am proud to call myself a fan. You are truly amazing.

Happy birthday, Benedict! You are one of the most talented and humble actors of our generation. You have inspired me in more ways than you know, and I imagine you have done the same for others.

A homeless, schizophrenic man lives nearby my neighborhood. He constantly looks sad and hungry, so I decided to make him dinner. I arrived where he slept on a bench everyday, and handed it to him. He truly looked grateful, and even gave me a hug! I felt quite wonderful, given the fact he had eaten the whole steak and mashed potatoes in less than 5 minutes. So I just want to say thank you, Benedict. Thank you for being an extremely gracious role model. One day I hope to be just like you. Have a fantastic birthday!

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As a supermarket chain over here has coined the phrase, "Every Little Helps". I already support the local hospice that very briefly looked after my dad when he passed away in 2012 by playing their weekly lottery. We also have a local children's hospice which I have no connection with, other than their charity brooches were used as the favours for the female guests at my wedding 6 years ago (great idea by my Mum). The hospice receives no government subsidy or funding and took 10 years from the establishment of the charity to raise funds to build it, to finally opening its doors in 2008. Anyway they also run a lottery to raise funds, so I decided to resume doing this as my bit of 'batch of kindness'. I tweeted that this is what I was doing, and both hospices favoured my tweets!

Over the weekend I had a brainwave, having seen pictures of a Facebook friend's son with his 'best friends' the Meerkats - if you're not in the UK, these CGI Russian-accented creatures (they are brilliant, You Tube is your friend) are used to advertise a comparison website for anything from insurance to energy suppliers, and when you sign up successfully or accept your quote, you can select a toy. This little boy is autistic and already has 3 of them, I had one sitting on a shelf in its box doing nothing (and I'm 42, do I really need one?) so I contacted his Mum on FB last night and asked if he would like another one to add to his collection. Again, not a huge thing but it makes me happy. A Benedict-related side-note, the actor who voices the main Meerkat character also appeared in an episode of Cabin Pressure.

For me, this is an ongoing thing and rather unrelated, but just wanted to let Benny know that many of his fans dedicate themselves to a life of serving others. I've been volunteering with a Therapeutic Horsemanship program to help people with special needs for 7 or so years, and now am actively working to become a Certified Instructor through PATH Intl. I'm currently getting my student teaching hours in, and will be going back to teach three hours tonight using my own lesson plan. (Taught last night under someone else). When I become certified, it will honestly be one of the proudest moments of my life :) I also have hope to become an Equine vet, and will be able to help/serve others that way as well.

Just yesterday an incredible thing happened- one of the riders who is nonverbal and often acts out physically took one of the instructor's heads in between her hands and gently as a lamb touched her lips to the instructor's forehead. The rider walked away smiling, and we were left literally standing in awe. That, Ben, is my birthday gift to you- dedicating my life to helping others.

Happy Birthday, and I wish you many fantastic years to come!

**I saw a pattern in a knitting catalogue for an amazing moebius scarf, along with the most beautiful cashmere yarn that would complement perfectly your whatever-the-hell-color-that-is eyes. THEN I thought, guess who probably doesn't need any more scarves? Yeah, that would be you. Not to mention, you're doing all right -- buy your own dang scarf, Scrooge McDuck! So instead, I knitted a bunch of soft, warm hats for the nurses on the cancer ward at Mass General Hospital. When my sister was there, the nurses told me that a lot of patients don't realize just how cold they'll be without hair, especially at night. The yarn for these hats has to be washable and extremely soft, no wool. For the cost of the cashmere, I was able to buy enough soft acrylic yarn for ten hats. So there's your gift: ten warm cancer patients. Happy Birthday!**

I did two good deeds today. One for family and one for a complete stranger, but I'd rather not say what. ☺

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Happy birthday, Ben! (Or as we say in Denmark, "Tillykke!") My friends and I over here are truly very big fans of you, both as a person and of the incredible work you're doing, both on- and off-screen. You always have time for your fans and friends, and you're always incredibly and delightfully polite and sweet, and we hope to experience your kindness and talent firsthand one day; hopefully when we come and see your performance in Hamlet next year - we can't wait! Have a lovely day wherever you are in the world! In the meantime I will be driving through Germany on my way to Amsterdam and Normandy, spreading random acts of Cumberkindness on the way! (I already began when I donated to the ALS Association back in April!) Eat lots of cake for us, and don't forget to enjoy the seemingly miniscule moments in life - they'll be the ones worth remembering!

Lots of hugs and good wishes, Anna.

P.S., if you ever come through Copenhagen Airport, be sure to stop by Starbucks in the Arrivals hall and say hello!

Benedict, I am a newcomer to your cumber collective (or shall we say cumberbabe fandom). In the past two months I have become quite enthralled and amazed not only by your brilliant performances on camera but also by your heart achingly sweet and beautiful interactions with your fans. Wonderful man, you can hardly know how your genuine tenderness and kindness fills your cumberladies' hearts and makes us proud to know you (even if it is from afar) and to be a part of your fandom. You deserve all the happiness in the world I am sure when the time comes you will find your true love who without a doubt will be as kind and as beautiful as you are. Stay sane, stay super happy, stay safe.

Happy 38th birthday, may it blow 37th out of the water.

Happy Birthday Benedict! Only a few years ago, my friend sat me down to watch the first episode of Sherlock, "A Study in Pink." At first I was hesitant, not knowing whether I would like this show or not, but then when we were introduced to the protagonist, Sherlock Holmes I said to myself, "Who is this guy?" (My friend said my jaw dropped and my expression was quite hilarious.) I have to say your acting is quite brilliant and I just love your work. I do hope to meet you someday. I hope you have a wonderful birthday and I'll be sending you many good wishes.

Thank you for all your inspiration!

Love, Abby

Happy birthday, sweetheart! I'm a Spanish girl and I'm almost 33 years old. I do many things from the list of ideas on a daily basis, but remember a man always asking alms at a traffic light. Nobody has time to give nothing never except me. Whenever I can I step out there to greet him because I know that thanks to people like me, friendly, we have helped with our smile to be rehabilitated. He was a drug addict.

**My #batchofkindness is private but I love you for doing this and letting us all share in it together.**

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Thank you for inspiring me to read again. Your love of books is infectious and it has reignited a love in me. Have an amazing day. I hope it is filled with friends and family - just what birthdays should be.

Sarah

Benedict, thank you so much for being an inspiration not only through the amazing characters you portray on the screen, but also through your charming personality and way you truly appear to enjoy everything about the life you're living. You have such a wonderful talent and I can't thank you enough for sharing it with the world. Through all of the publicity and paparazzi, you manage to maintain who you really are, and I admire you so much for that. I wish you the most amazing birthday, and I can't wait to see what you grace the world with in the coming years. Love, Zoe xx

**Happy Birthday to us! We share the exact same birthday - year and all. It is so nice for your fans to show kindness in honor of our birthday. They must know that spreading kindness is my life's motto.**

Happy Birthday Benedict!

In honor of your birthday I am sending love and prayers out to all in need of that little, something. If we send our love and prayers out daily even in small doses think of all the wonderful results that might come to exist! Thank you for all you do Benedict to inform us where help and hope are needed, your beautiful smile and talent, and your endless love for us all.

Love and respect,  
Sheila

Hey! Well I was trying to think about what I could write that would make you smile because I would like that for you on your birthday so I thought I would tell you that you make me smile and you make my life a happy one (side note- unintentionally quoted Third Star there and thought I'd say you were phenomenal in that film and I cried buckets). I know that when people tell me I make them smile it makes me happy so there you go! Being a fan of yours has introduced me to so many things! So although you may get stuck from the press and they are intrusive and just rude you do get the opportunity to improve people's lives by doing something you love! So on that note can you please, for me, keep being yourself, have a happy birthday and thank you very much for making me smile.

Love,  
Zoe xx

#BatchofKindness is a wonderful idea!

A few days ago I went to the library and donated some of my old books so that other people get to enjoy them now that I don't read them anymore. I will also give some other things I no longer need to the local Red Cross charity shop as soon as possible.

It feels good to be kind, doesn't it?

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I hope you have a fun birthday, you make this world a better place! ~ Jacquie x

Mr. Benedict Well I hope you have a happy birthday, well I still do not know how you would like to help but I promise that I'll find a way to make your request to help others even if it's actually something in the least and furthermore I want to tell you is one of the most talented and humble actors of our generation, I also wish you a good happy birthday and may someday come to Mexico to see his fans assure you that there are many good and thank you for being the most loving, sweet and kind and tender besides handsome man of the earth ... and also it's a beautiful person inside and out

I have so many things to say but not how to express and also thank you for your kindness and your existence

HAVE A HAPPY BIRTHDAY BENEDICT

<3 Mexico City, Iztapalapa :)

Happy Birthday Benny!

You've made such an impact in my life and I can't thank you enough for being you. You've showed me that it's really more than okay to be your quirky self. I knew you were truly an amazing person when I saw that you wear mis-matched socks (I don't personally know anyone else!), just like I do. I get picked on for it, but you somehow make it better :). You inspired my first book and my love for London. 'Sherlock' would never be the same without you!!! I don't know how to thank you for all the joy you've brought into my life.

All love, x

Christie

**Happy birthday! I printed out these cards and placed them in my neighbors mail boxes with a note. I also visited the hospital where my aunt is being treated to visit others with cancer.**

Happy birthday Benedict!

Don't really know what I want to say because I really want to say a lot of things! I want to speak from the heart but it is almost like my mind cannot handle it...That sounds a little dramatic, I am sorry for that. But, thank you for being kind

Thank you for being you.

Thank you for inspiring the people who needed to be inspired.

I'm so happy that everyone is doing random kindness acts, it makes me really f\*cking happy, you motivate the people to show them their good side! And that's why you are a good person, NEVER FORGET THAT!

I hope you have a great day, eat loads of cake and spend your time with books ( I can already feel the excitement! BOOOOOOOKS!!!!) and have fun with everyone!

Gosh, if I ever get the chance to work with you I will cry in front of you and die. But hey, at least I die happily!

You see, I am so, not good at this. Maybe if I ever meet you, I will try better to tell you what I want to tell you.? That sounds weird, Okay, never mind

Happy Birthday!

xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxox Adaja from The Netherlands

Happy Birthday Ben! Here's to wishing you all the very best on your special day and always :)

Hope you have everything you wished for and, remember whatever you wish for yourself, I'm wishing it for you too ♥

xoxoxo,

Shereeda

from Guyana, South America

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Benedict, I am a big fan of yours and have been for seven years. You are such a talented and kind man and I wish you all the best on your birthday. I want to thank you for bringing a smile to my face when I've had a bad day, and there have been a lot of those. As for my acts of kindness, I found that the little things seemed to matter the most and I now realize that in a way that's what you mean to people. The things you do mean so much to so many. So thank you and have a happy birthday.  
A proud member of the cumber collective with much love,  
Josette

Happy Birthday Benedict!! Live Long, Prosper, With You The Force Shall Be Strong.

I am an Australian, and I proud to know about you, and all your work. You are an amazing, incredibly talented actor, a true gentleman, and the kind of person everyone will remember in a thousand years' time. I am proud, and very honoured to be a Cumbercookie, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart (I am starting to cry now) for everything you have ever done. And could you possibly hand on my thanks to your parents for giving birth to such an amazing man? I reached a low earlier this year, and it affected my school work (I'm only fifteen), and watching Sherlock, and watching the Graham Norton interview with you in it virtually saved my life. Thank you for that. I was also for of an introvert because I am a crazy person, and peer pressure was starting to get to me. Now, I am a very openly crazy person, and I do not shy away from being myself. You have affected my life in so many ways, and every single one of them is 1110% positive. God Bless You!!

HAVE AN AMAZING BIRTHDAY AND READ BOOKS! AND AS THE FRENCH SAY "BONNE CHANCE!"

Raychel C, Australia.

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P.S Keep up the good work, your fandom expands every day. World domination is nearly completed. ;) ;)

P.P.S You don't have to be Loki to have world domination. You don't have to be Khan either.

Happy Birthday, Benedict! I have no idea about what I want to say. Let me just thank you for all the roles and influences you've had, have and will have on me and my life. You are my inspiration in my life, the best and nicest person I've ever known, beautiful, both inside and outside, and one of the most talented people the world has seen. I hope to be like you one day, to have a heart of gold, to be selfless and kind and a good person to people around. Okay, I cried over that. I think that's enough. (No, not enough Benedict Cumberbatch appreciation, because one would never get enough of that. No!)

Wish you all the happiness in the world. Enjoy your time with the people you love, especially on your birthday. Send our love to the lovely Mr and Mrs Carlton. (Is that right? I hope so)

Best wishes,

Sepideh B, Iran

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## #batchofkindness - Longer Stories & Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday Benedict!!!

Our lovely Sherlock Holmes with a generous heart and kind mind!

Batch of Kindness is such a great idea so I also have to thank the person who made it.

Today I went down to the clothes donation place... (What do I call that) I donated heaps of my clothes :)

So now someone who needs it more can wear it instead of hanging in my closet gathering dust.

I hope you will have an amazing day, filled with laughter and happiness!

From Elly xoxo

Um, hi Benedict . I wonder if you will see this message, my message and others' message.

So, every time your birthday coming up, you always wanted to share your happiness to other people, and you keep teaching us, your fans, to do the same. Inspired by you, I've found myself teaching English voluntarily to local people. I also went to hospital to pray together for cancer patients with friends. Doing something like this is so much fun, so much happiness you can gain and you can give as well. Thank you so much for being an inspiration for us to do a lot of kind things that we never imagine we could do.

Happy birthday Ben! Wishing you nothing more than to be a wonderful chap like you have always been, and keep inspiring more people in the future. Am very sure this will happen everyday. Lots of love.

**Happy birthday Benedict! First of all I wish you good health, for you and the people you love. Next, I hope you have a productive year, not only do I hope you get to shoot a lot of movies/series, but also in your personal life. I hope you get to do what you want. After all, you're the one living your life. I've never been very good at birthday wishes, I never get past the basic wishes. But I want to try, because, Benedict, you may not have changed my life, or I'm not your biggest fan (I'm convinced there are people who are more obsessed with you than I am), but you have reached the hearts of so many people around the world. I've met people from Serbia and even my own country because of you. And we're friends. Good friends. And it all started with a healthy obsession with Benedict Cumberbatch.**

**I wish you an amazing year, and even more to come.**

**Love and squishy cuddles,**

**Sara**

Hello, Benedict: Firstly, I want to say Happy Birthday to you! Well, I am from Taiwan, and there are lots of your fans here. We all looking forward to that you can come to Taiwan in the near future.

Anyway, what I am trying to say is that you really give me many energy, and you also inspire me a lot. ^^ thank you so much.

PS, this is Chinese for Happy Birthday 生日快樂!

Though I know you may never see this, happy birthday Benedict and I hope you are enjoying the hell out of yourself. Never change, always be your sweet and wonderful self. You have accomplished so much and inspired so many people and may that never end. You are truly unique and I am proud to call myself your fan.

Best Birthday Wishes,

Jackie

## #batchofkindness - Longer Stories & Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to a dear, beloved man: Benedict Cumberbatch!

When I first heard about you, I thought, 'that's a nice strong 'British' name!' I thought it was really cool and I was intrigued. Back then I was just discovering Alan Rickman thanks to Harry Potter, so it was sort of like 'omg he's like a younger version!' (which is NOT true, as i came to discover pretty quickly; because they are two VERY talented, incredible, but very different, people.)

A lot of people, including my best friend was always sort of like 'OMG BC' etc. etc. and I always rolled my eyes at them for fangirling (I was a bit of an insensitive git, in hindsight. God I was so stupid. \*cringe\*)

And then one fine day I finally understood EVERYTHING.

That was the day I rewatched Hawking (I was little when I first saw it so I didn't really remember much, just that it was really iconic in my memory, and I was really touched), because from there I went on to Sherlock, and then War Horse came out, then Star Trek. I didn't think my adoration could get any higher until you were Smaug in my favorite fandom of all--the world of Tolkien, so having covered all possible bases as far as film goes, the 'favorite actor checklist' is complete, but still growing.

But that's not all there is to it. It has a lot to do with the man behind the mask. And it's not just because you are a gorgeous man, (I try my best, for my own sanity's sake, to rarely let that affect me, but you make it very, very hard to ignore), but the mindblowing personality in this day and age; the genuine kindness, the loveliness that radiates rainbows and happiness and fluffy marshmallows stuck on unicorns that prance with little puppies in a shower of golden sunshine of love and fortune, is especially what makes everyone love you even more, and I genuinely hope you can achieve everything you dearly wish for, because you deserve it.

So Happy Birthday, Wishing you happiness, love, lots of books (BECAUSE BOOKS ARE HAPPINESS AND NO ONE CAN CONVINC ME OTHERWISE) and many, many more to come.

Aditi M., 'MURICA (sorry--independence day leaves a sort of lingering patriotism that's only ever present for a few days at the most in July x) but then that's what happens when you write these things in advance....on one of those said days... \_.) (USA)

I'm just going to stop talking now.

P.S. (or not) I really am quite grateful you officially named your fans the CumberCollective (it's much more comfortable to say than the popular alternative x) but that's just me ;)

P.P.S. Did you know you're like the KING of tumblr? or Emperor.....or Sovereign..... Okay now I swear I'm done! Happy birthday!

I hope you have a terrific 38th birthday Benedict! I have been a part of the Cumberbabes, Cumbercollectives, Cumbercookies, whatever you would like to call them, for almost a year now. My best friend talked me into watching Sherlock and I thought it was brilliant! Since I joined the fandom I have actually met quite a lot of extraordinary people, and I would like to thank you for that. I wouldn't have met them if we didn't have the top of you to break the ice.

Anyways; when I heard of the Batch of Kindness campaign I thought it was an amazing idea! I knew that I had to be a part of it. Since hearing about it I have donated old books and clothes to multiple associations around my town, made a large quilt and gave it to a homeless man downtown, stuck inspirational sticky notes around all stores I have been to, and volunteered and multiple community event. I also decided to continue with these types of acts even after your birthday. So once again, I wish you a very happy birthday!!

## #batchofkindness - Longer Stories & Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday, Benny! May your day be filled with happiness and joy ♥

I know the chance of you reading this is millions to one, but if somehow you've found this, I just need to tell you my story of this last year. In May last year, my brother got cancer. I was of course devastated, and the whole family was going through a really tough time. Hopefully he's totally fine now, and two good things came out of it for me.

One: we've got an even closer bond to each other

Two: while he was at hospital, he watched a lot of telly. And it was him who introduced me to Sherlock.

I watched it, and it took over my life. (Nearly) the only thing I could think about was Sherlock. And then, of course, I discovered you. I was awestruck by all your interviews and films and stuff, and since then it hasn't stopped. However, you have helped me a great deal. The last half a year or so, I've been really struggling. I've felt like everybody hates me, I've been scratching and cutting myself just to get rid of the thoughts, & I can't even count all the times I've been thinking of ending the misery my life was. I was so low down, but I was hiding it from everyone else. In some ways, I'm a really good actor. No one even thought something was wrong, no one ever asked me how I was doing or whether I got sad when they offended & hit me. I was just the weirdo fangirl, the crazy one.

As a result, I hardly trust anyone. Not even now. As it got worse, I was struggling each and every day, but I was too scared to tell anyone, cause I thought they'd either say it was nothing, or send me away or something. I had no hope at all.

That was where you started helping me, without knowing it.

You, your acting, and just the way you play around with that beautiful personality of yours, inspired me. It still does. And while that helped a bit, the thing that helped me the most was this beautiful fandom. By coincidence, I've found a best friend that I normally chat with daily. And she's been there for me all the time while I was being hysterical, just listening and calming me down. She's never ever said I'm not worth it, she stays no matter what.

So my lovely, amazing Ben: You have saved my life in three ways; through acting, yourself, and the fandom. I can't tell or remember how many times I've been saved because of you, but I am so grateful for everything. I owe you my whole life, and while I still know you won't see this, I just needed to write this down, no matter how much it's hurt. 'Cause now I have the hope that maybe, just maybe, you'll see this and know that you helped me to survive. And I know you'll save me again and again. And I consider you a friend, even though I've never met you.

Happy birthday,

Thank you for everything,

And here's to many more years.

A very, very big batch of love,

Luna♥

Happy, Happy Birthday Benedict. Hope you've had a lovely day. I have tried to spread your pass on the kindness ethos all day, although I try to do that every day. I've been patient when cut-up in traffic, held doors open and smiled a lot. People generally respond very positively. I also gave up our table to a disabled person who couldn't get into a very busy coffee shop with her wheelchair. It was my pleasure.

Lots of Love

Sue x

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I participated in the #batchofkindness but will keep my action to myself. :)

Best wishes to you on your birthday, Mr. Cumberbatch, and may it be a lovely one. Today I have had the wonderful privilege of being able to spend time with 105 of my fellow Omega Phi Alpha sorority sisters. Founded in 1967, we orient ourselves around three main purposes: friendship, leadership, and service. From July 16th-20, delegates from our 28 chapters and alumni have gathered for our national convention to reflect back on the previous year of service to our six areas of focus and plan for the year ahead. We serve our university-community, our community-at-large, to our members of the sorority, and to the nations of the world along with work for a yearly project (this past year was S.T.E.M.) and our permanent project that focuses on mental health. For one of our convention service projects, we will be weaving sleeping mats from plastic grocery bags to hand out to the homeless of Indianapolis, IN (where our convention is being held this year). I'm so excited to be able to combine my love of service to others and the celebration of your birthday with your request for shared kindness.

Along with the group service project, I will be hiding several notes of kindness and encouragement throughout the Hilton Downtown Indianapolis hotel for the employees and guests to find during the day, along with the request for them to pay it forward in your name.

Your humbleness and desire to help others is one of the most spectacular traits you possess, beyond your appearance (quite handsome), beyond your intelligence and wit (which I'd give anything for a half-hour to just talk about books with you), and perhaps even beyond your acting skills (this is hard to say because you're so wonderful in every role you take and I cannot wait to see you in a comedy). I do not wish to speak for others but if I were a betting person I'd wager that many others have thought this at some point too. Truly, it warms my heart to see just how many people will have a brighter day because of your request.

And to all that and more, I say thank you.

-Paige

First things first, Happy Birthday Benedict! You've changed my life in soooooo many ways (good ways of course) I hope you have a good day!

Happy Birthday, Mr. B!! I have followed your work and just ENJOY all your performances, and your obvious hard work shows and delights!! But your FUN for Life is what I enjoy most, getting to see that "Joyous Craziness" on YouTube, or the photos people put online..! My FAV is you and your Mom...I LOVED Ms. Wanda, and your Dad, too...!It's wonderful to see the three of you, together..! Best Day to Ya!!!  
Humma' H. From VA,USA,XO!

Happy Birthday Benedict! As part of your present and my #batchofkindness I am taking a friend of mine to lovely London, UK in a few weeks. She loves history and loves the UK but doesn't have a lot of money and has never been outside of Canada because of this. So I have given her the opportunity of a lifetime asking for nothing in return but the smile on her face. :) That is what you love most too don't you!

Hoping you get lots of smiles on your Birthday!

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Happy Birthday Mr. Benedict! Wish you many good theatre & movie roles, happy life and everything you want :) for 100 years!

Benedict Cumberbatch. This is really hard. There are so many things I want to say. I would need to write a journal. My favorite sleuth has always been Hercule Poirot. Then came along your show: Sherlock. Now I love both of them. But it went beyond that. All the movies, commercials, interviews... I had to know no more, I have to read more about you. And I know you probably have heard this lots of times, but you inspire me. I read more, for myself and my two little boys. And I'm seriously thinking about going back to school. As for acts of kindness, I always liked to help, as much as I can. Donating clothes and shoes (you know women and their shoes), donating to St. Jude's Hospital (where they treat kids with cancer... a child should not have to go through that), and to the Houston zoo... animals need caring too. Now for your birthday... I hope it is amazing. And that you are surrounded by the people you love. God bless you and that your guardian angel keep you under his wings. Loads of love from me. XOXO

Benedict,

This seemingly easy task of wishing you Happy Birthday is a lot harder than one may think. For starters, you have changed my life in so many ways and taught me so many things without knowing, if I were to start listing these we would be here all night!

Your Cumbercollective (as cheesy as it sounds) isn't just a fandom, it's a family. It's a gigantic family filled with some of the kindest, most caring and funny people I know.

I know you already know this but you are so lucky to be supported by such an amazing fandom, who will stick with you through thick and thin and you should know that nothing you could ever do will disappoint us.

I've been having friendship troubles at school lately where they make fun of the fact I'm not a 'normal' teen who likes One Direction. But you've taught me how to be different and to embrace the fact that everyone is special and has a right to be heard. I look up to you in so many ways and I have come to you countless times seeking words of wisdom.

When I first started watching Sherlock back in January I realised it was a television show like no other, the characters were portrayed by actors who were outstanding at their job as well as being witty, funny & inspiring. From then on I started watching more of your fabulous work & you quickly became my idol. \*Puts on deerstalker\* I'm now a proud member of the ever present Cumbercollective & I can't imagine life before it.

With all that in mind I want to say a colossal thank you and I hope you have a very happy birthday.

Lots of love, Alyssa x

(P.s Please come home to the UK very soon, we miss you!)

(P.p.s On this special day, make sure you read lots of books, relax, eat copious amounts of cake and celebrate with your loved ones.)

Dear Ben, Yeah, your fandom is growing. Yes, I got caught in the storm, and I love it. Already a fan of Sherlock Holmes, BBC's Sherlock brought the world of Holmes to a new light. I've only been in the storm for four months; nevertheless, my favorite quality of you is you're a Grammar Nazi. I particularly enjoyed that Grammar scene you played in Sherlock. I think you're amazing in every definition of the word. I don't know what batch of kindness I'll share, but I'll think of something. Happy Birthday from me. <3

Happy birthday to the most inspiring person, to the cutest potato in the bunch and to the man I admire so much! Thanks, Benedict for making a difference, the fandom wishes you all of the best!

## #batchofkindness - Longer Stories & Birthday Wishes

Oh! Happy birthday in advance, Benny! It has not been long since I have gotten to know you, but you have managed to change my life in so many amazing ways!! I have had the amazing honour of meeting you at a convention in Australia and it has made my year, and possibly will remain as one of the best memories of my life. Getting to know you over the Internet was one thing and it made me adore you, but after meeting you and getting to know you (as much a weekend at a convention would allow for) in person, I could not ask for a better person to idolise and to change my life in so many positive ways that I could only graze in this short message. Thank you for being you and for being in many ways unconventional and absolutely amazing. Your talent is utterly mesmerising and I can only see you going further in life because of it. And your heart is beautiful. You make me happy during my lowest of times and I hope that you know we love you very much. Here's to wishing you all the best in your future endeavours, lots of love and happiness and I hope you keep that wonderful smile of yours always, as it spreads into all our hearts during our darkest hours and it remains there for our brightest. We'll be spreading the love through Batch of Kindness, not just for July but pretty much forever!!! Thank you so much for everything, Ben. Happy birthday, and guess what, you're a whole year awesome-r!!  
Kind regards and lots of love,  
Divya

Dear Benedict,

First of all, obviously a very happy birthday to you. I could not wish you a happier day and I do truly hope that you have the most enjoyable time possible.

Of course I am aware that the chance of you seeing this comment is very, very slim but I would very much like to take this chance to say thank you. I wouldn't just like to thank you for the wonderful work you provide to the world and how much seeing your truly great acting on screen not only makes me incredibly happy but a large amount of others too. But I would also like to thank you for always being the funny, dashing and knowledgeable man we love you to be. For this next bit, I am sure I do not only speak for myself but I speak for many of your others fans when I say that you truly do bring pure happiness into my life. I have been through some very rough patches in my life and one of the big things I find difficult is sometimes finding happiness. However that has recently changed slightly. I started to appreciate your work awhile ago and over time my admiration for you has grown, some would say a vast amount. But when I do find myself in times of discomfort or darkness, sometimes I do think about you and I think about how happy or content I feel when I think of you. Benedict has honestly helped me through a lot of things and I understand how silly that may sound to people as I clearly do not know Benedict personally and I have never met him, I also do not mean this to sound petty or childish when I say it. He means a great, great deal to me and I would love nothing more than for him to feel all the love we feel for him and to accept the comments we send so he knows how admired he is. Ben, your fans greatly love you and your work and on my behalf and many others I would like to thank you for that. Thank you for your work, for your presence and lastly, thank you simply for being you.

Many thoughts, not only on this special day but every day after.

With love, your fans and of course myself.

I've been extremely blessed to have been part of this fandom for about one year now, & continue to be awed by your amazing talent, Mr. Cumberbatch. I do hope the acting community rewards you relentlessly for your work, as you undoubtedly deserve it. Have a wonderful birthday, & in bocca al lupo! as we say in Italy, in regards to your future projects.

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Believe it or not it's an everyday thing to me. To be kind. To communicate in a kind way with others, to smile and help if needed, cause perhaps it's a tiny little thing for me, but it could mean the world to others. Today I wished a really good weekend to everybody I met, donated some money to a local animal shelter and did shopping to give supper to my bf when he arrives home after work. The sun is shining and I could make some friends of mine laughing. This is just amazing! Giving is great, even it is 'only' a smile or a kind word!

You will have noticed it I am French and my English is not very good. Also I go to continue in French.

Voilà ma petite action du jour: Je suis allée chez la coiffeuse. et j'ai été extrêmement bien reçu, elle s'est très bien occupée de moi et pour la remercier je lui ai laissé un pourboire. Ce n'est pas grand chose mais je sais que cela lui a fait plaisir.

(Translation: Here's my little deed for the day: I went to the hairdresser. and I was extremely well treated, they took very good care of me and to thank her I left her a tip. It's not much but I know it made her happy)

Happy Birthday Benedict! I imagine you are humbled and slightly embarrassed by all this attention and the many accolades out there today, but we can all agree no one deserves this more than you. What is it about me that has garnered all this attention you may have asked yourself? Well I'll tell you from my perspective if that means anything at all! There is no disputing what a fantastic actor you are, but what makes you stand out among so many is your attitude. You lack of any of the better than thou, self important qualities that most "celebrities" are infested with. You are humble to a fault and real. I hope that no matter what happens in your career you never lose those qualities because they are your most valuable assets. I know being under a microscope can be overwhelming and you have handled that with grace as well but know that most of your fans respect you and try to respect your privacy as well. It is with my greatest respect that I say Happy Birthday and all my very best wishes for continued success. I wish that I could say I will thank you in person one day but being a realist I know that will never happen so I appreciate this opportunity so much to thank you from the bottom of my heart for simply being you!

Dear Benedict,

After reading some letters written by other fans there really isn't much left for me to write to you. All I want to say is you are the one who simply amazes me every time I see you on your works, you are so decent to the core and full of love and compassion to the world and people around yourself. You will always be the role model to those who cherish and admire you. And thank you for loving those who care about you, Benedict.

A great Happy Birthday to you!! I will always hear about you, and you know our hearts will be with you forever.

Best wishes,  
Hermione

Dear Benedict,

A very Happy Birthday to you! I wish you a life full of happiness, sunrises and miracles! You inspire me every day anew and in so many ways, I couldn't describe how it's changed my life if I tried. I cannot put my and all of the fans's adoration and admiration for you into words. If only every human could be half as kind-hearted as you, this world would be a better place. You're a wonderful person and we love you.

Love,  
Jessica, Luxembourg

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Bonjour, Je souhaite un Happy Birthday Benedict! Et je souhaite partager quelques bonnes actions de ses deux derniers jours en cette journée si spéciale. J'ai rendu le sourire à une personne âgée en allant lui rendre visite avec mes deux petits enfants un garçon de 6 ans et une petite fille de 4 ans. Nous avons partagé un agréable moment et nous avons su rendre le sourire à cette personne qui a si bon cœur. J'ai ensuite permis à un enfant très timide de 4 ans de jouer avec mes enfants pendant que je faisais des bulles. Ils ont ri et joué ensemble et c'était vraiment adorable.

Demain c'est mon anniversaire, quel dommage à un jour près ;) Mais je le fête avec mes amis aujourd'hui j'espère faire une dernière bonne action en cette journée si spéciale. Bon Anniversaire Benedict!

(Translation: I wish a Happy Birthday Benedict! And I want to share some good deeds of his last two days in this very special day. I returned the smile to an elderly person going to visit with my two children a boy aged 6 and a girl of 4 years. We shared a good time and we were able to bring a smile to the person who has such a good heart. I then enabled a very shy 4 year old to play with my children while I was making bubbles. They laughed and played together and it was really lovely. Tomorrow is my birthday, what a pity to a near day) But I party with my friends today I hope to do one last good deed on this special day. Happy Birthday Benedict!)

**Happy Birthday, Benedict! Um, there's so many things I want to say... I'll just say that you affected my life a lot and made a smile! I hope you have a very nice day and again, Happy Birthday.**

First, I want to say I hope your birthday is a day as awesome and wonderful as you are. You are one of the most incredibly talented actors that I've ever seen. Whenever I watch one of your performances it is so clear how dedicated you are to your art. My personal favorite characters (so far) are Sherlock, Smaug, and Khan. It isn't just your talent (or your devastatingly good looks) that make you my favorite actor. It's the fact that you are a genuinely humble man and your words and actions inspire your fans to be kind to others, to spread the love that we have shown you. The world needs more people like you. Again, happy birthday and thank you so much for everything!!!

Dear Benedict,

Despite all the wishes you are getting/going to get I think that you deserve a big THANK YOU.

THANK YOU for sharing your passion and your emotions while acting

THANK YOU for making an authority by your person

THANK YOU for not changing, just being yourself

THANK YOU for being modest

THANK YOU for being there for the CumberCollective

YOU are the one that can cheer us up, make our day better and as you can see you encourage us to do great things. We all appreciate your work and we THANK YOU once again.

Happy Birthday, Mr Benedict Cumberbatch!

Greetings from Poland

Hi, Benedict! Greetings from Turkey :) Happy 38th birthday! I hope your wishes come true, because you really deserve it. I hope you have a wonderful day. And thank you, thank you for giving me reasons to love myself, thank you for being a perfect idol. Thank you for being yourself. Thank you for making this world a better place! We love you so much and we respect you. I'm your fan for years and I'm proud of it. You're my idol. I hope you'll be happy rest of your life. You have so many fans in Turkey, and we respect you.

Happy birthday, again! X And have a wonderful day.)

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Dearest Benedict,

I have been watching your performances and the way that you interact with your fans for a few months now and I just wanted to say that besides being a sweetheart of an individual you are an excellent, superb, flawless actor who brings so much feeling and devotion to the characters who you portray. On top of that you are also capable of so much love, kindness, tenderness and compassion to those around you. Even in the most tiring and uncomfortable situations you are still sweet tempered, kind, courteous, patient and generous. All of these desirable qualities are killing us Cumberbabes when added to the fact that you are a humble, down-to-earth guy who will never admit to the truth of your golden character. No wonder you are loved and beloved by us fans. You effortlessly bring so much joy and happiness to others. Everyone who knows you is proud of you. Your parents have all the reason in the world to be proud of such a fine son. You perfectly fit the most precious words in the vocabulary: son, brother, uncle, godfather, a true friend. You are truly a unique and amazing once in a lifetime individual. Congratulations on all your success and many more years of blessings to come to you and your loved ones.

Dear Benedict,

There can only be one word recurring through my thoughts regarding you and that is tenderness. The tenderness with how you expressed how Zachary Quinto's kind words to you at the Star Trek into Darkness London premiere almost made you cry was enough to make me have tears in my eyes.

I have never had the honor and the privilege to see you let alone meet you, yet I know one hundred percent that you are a joy to be around. The way that you treat your thousands if not millions of fans is proof enough. You are an inspiration and a joy to so many people.

When you said that you wanted to prove your father right when he said that you are better than he ever could be and that you would be a great actor. You don't have to prove that either to your parents or us, we know that you are perfect.

I hope all your dreams and wishes for love and happiness come true. I am sure when the time comes you will be a doting and exemplary husband and father. Have an extra happy 38th birthday.

Hi, Mr. Cumberbatch, greetings from France! Happy Birthday! (a bit in advance, but I'm guessing as the real date approaches, the site will be overflowed with comments.) I hope you'll have a truly great day, surrounded by the people who matter to you the most.

I'll keep it quick, because I could ramble on for days if I let myself! All I have to say, really, is thank you for the beautiful human being you are. Thanks to your mindblowing performances and some of your interviews I started doing things I love again, and it got me back on my feet, after somewhat of a dark time in my life.

P.S. I can't describe how excited it made me when I learned you liked Tristan and Isolde's prelude, since Wagner is my all-time favorite! Give the Prelude to Tannhäuser a go, as well as Liszt's Sospiro, I'm sure you'd love it! Again, have a great birthday!!

Greetings from Renton, Washington, USA. Hope your birthday is filled with love and family. You are an amazing man and I hope you never change. I hope my piece of kindness will change someone's world or at least make it a little brighter.

Love and best wishes

Jessica

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Hi. Well, you have inspired most of the world with your awesome acting & gentlemanly self. You are definitely one of the most amazing people I have ever had the good fortune to have seen and I can speak for everyone when I say you have made HUGE impact on our lives one way or another. Have a Happy Birthday, we love you! xoxox

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(Translation: The Paganini Paganini We love you. Happy Birthday ~~)ε<sup>ㄟ</sup>☘ Chinese can show it)

Benedict,

First, I want to wish a wonderful birthday, and I hope your wishes come true. You are one of the most talented actors, and a great role model. I admire the dynamic qualities, and emotions you put in your characters, and the perseverance and preparation you put into your acting. You have been a great influence, and since becoming a fan, I have learned to embrace my talent as an artist. I started drawing at the age of ten, and now at the age of fourteen, I do research for my projects, and lots of repetition.

Can't wait to see you in The Intimation Game. Hope you win an Oscar!

Sincerely,

Kira H.

Hello Benedict and Happy Birthday!

I am from Turkey and I admire your work. After watching Sherlock two years ago, I've become a massive fan of your other works as well. You're a great actor, really passionate and dedicated to your work. And I love how your each portrayal of a different character is unique and remarkable. I am a proud CumberCookie, and I would like to thank you for all the brilliant qualities of yours that you've shared with us: your talent, your kindness, your modesty and generosity. That makes you not just an actor in front of cameras, instead it makes you a wonderful human being. I love you and I'm sure that you will keep up with your amazing work, and that you'll continue to inspire us in any way that comes to mind. I wish you a great time on your birthday with all of your loved ones :)

Dear Benedict,

I'm taking this opportunity to post part of a very, very long fan letter I wrote months ago, but never posted.

...During my 'mad for anything Sherlock' phase I saw a lot of interviews with you. I cannot find enough ways to express how impressed I was with your character. Your mother must be so proud of you! Not because you have become a household name, but because you have remained a decent human being. I have read many anecdotes by fans who have had the amazing good fortune to meet you, and they all say the same thing. I do hope that your rise to super-star status will not change this.

In my culture, the most important thing is family, so I would like to bless you that you will soon have a family and children of your own, and I'm praying for that. There is nothing in the world as wonderful as children, and I just know that you will bring up yours with good moral character and values, like those you so obviously possess!

Happy Birthday, Benedict! I have a four year boy and if I could learn him to be as good person as you are I'll consider myself a very lucky mother. Greetings to you and your family on your birthday!

Maria, Bulgaria

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Happy Birthday Benedict!!!! Greetings from Cracow, Poland! I am so proud that I'm your fan and you are giving me reasons to be a better person :) I am really happy that I saw you in May, that day definitely changed my life. Have a blast today!!!! See you at Barbican Center next year, I am already planning my trip to see you in Hamlet!

Happy Birthday again, Benedict <3

Happy Birthday Ben! You inspire me on so many different levels. You're a fantastic role model, from being one of the most humble actors I've heard of to being incredibly thoughtful and kind to your fans, your coworkers and the world overall. Thank you for making the world a better place by not only doing what you love but also by holding the people who are fans of you and your work to also do their best to be better people. (You deserve a standing ovation for that) Hopefully you have an absolutely wonderful birthday and get to see all the awesome and kind things we're going to accomplish in your honor. Have a wonderful birthday and thanks again for being the role model I've needed in my life.

Anna, USA

**Benedict,**

I haven't been in this fandom long but I'm 14 now and I first saw you in Sherlock and loved it and I love your other work as well. I want to wish you happy birthday and I am very grateful because you helped me through a hard time of my life and helped me keep my head up and to stay strong when my family was having troubles I don't like to talk about. You inspired me and on your birthday I will write a letter to some of my friends and family that have inspired me and kept me happy and laughing. I don't know if you will see this or not and I get that, you're a busy man and what you have done for charities and people across the world is something I want to do and I guess this is what this is about so thank you and good luck on your future projects.

Yours sincerely,  
Katherine H.

Many Happy Returns, Benedict

How does your Honour for this many a day?

You are our Cuppy-Cake and your Hamlet is going to be the Very Pineapple of Perfection

Thank you for sharing your cumbercookie with us at the Birmingham convention and speaking so exuberantly and beautifully, extempore.

We will share the love and respect as you would like us to

Sue C.

B'ham UK

Many thanks to Michelle for her work on this great project.

I am quite new to your fandom of the CumberCollective. Before I became a fan, I saw your face popping up everywhere on the internet. I was like "Who is this man with this funny name?" Not too long ago (less than a month ago actually), a friend recommended me to watch Sherlock and I have been latched on to this very extensive fandom ever since. You have this presence in your acting that takes us to different places. You become your character and that's what I love about you. Not to mention, you're also quite funny and handsome! Not gonna lie. You bring joy to your fans and never disappoint! Happy birthday, & we love you!!

Brigitte

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Last week, I decided to participate in Batch of Kindness. It was awesome, actually, not mention that so little participate in my 'mission' here. Actually, I just love the idea, it reminds me of Benedict, a lot. I never met him, but somehow I know what kind of man he is, at least I know his best feature. He is a kind of man that say 'thank you' more than one time at the same person. He is a man that would listen truly to the one he's spoken with. He is a man that could give the sweetest smile in the world. He is not perfect, but he is just the best. That's why I always try to say thank you to more people than I used to. I used to be a good listener, and I try to always be. I will smile sincerely, even my mood is not pretty good. It's not because of him I do these, but he reminds me to always do those things, because he looks good when doing those, and people feel good when someone doing those. I'm not good at saying my thoughts and feels in my limited English. However, I wish the very best for Benedict Cumberbatch for his 38th birthday, and for every day of his life. I wish the best for his career and for his private life.

Dearest Benedict,

I want to wish you **HAPPY 38th BIRTHDAY!** You have such a beautiful gift by showing your immense and exceptional talents to the world. I'm glad that I've got to watch your performance on Star Trek Into Darkness for the very first time and eventually I've become your huge fan after watching Sherlock. Other than your ever wonderful acting skills, you have such a big heart of kindness by donating money to charities such as the Prince's Trust, MNDA and ALS. With such a big influence you have on me, I've done something I thought I never had a chance to do: involving in local charity works in my country, and gladly I really enjoyed doing them. Hopefully you would be proud to know that I'm planning to join more charity works when I have the opportunity to study overseas.

So, I'm wishing you all the best in everything you do, and wishing you to find happiness and more positives in life. Don't let anything bad come to doubt yourself because remember, you have the Cumbercollective (best fans) as well as people who admire you and your works around the world. Once again, happy birthday Benedict and many happy returns!

Love all the way from Brunei,  
Winnie

Dear Benedict,

I always find it rather hard to find the right words in birthday messages because I want them to be special. Even more so if they are intended for someone unique. On your birthday I wish for you to be able to be yourself in the company of your loved ones. I wish for you to be happy and enjoy the best of times possible — because you deserve it.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the joy and knowledge your work has given me in the few months I have really been aware of it now. I have always enjoyed watching good actors working their magic but none of them has influenced my views on life as profoundly as you. Being respectful, kind and open to new things is essential in my work as a teacher but the curiosity and commitment with which you seem to meet every new challenge in life has made me want to exceed my boundaries, do good and live my life to the fullest.

Please continue to amaze and inspire all those people around the world who have been captured by your beautiful personality!

Happy, happy birthday!  
Janine

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Hey Benedict, feliz aniversário from Brazil!

Thank you for existing and for giving my life a purpose (meaning acting, since yours and Martin's amazing work made me want to become an actress!) when I was in such a bad place. Your work has been a huge support for me, especially when I need comfort or something to hold on to, so thank you for that. I don't have the best of relationships with my parents and I admire you a lot for the value and love you give to your family. With that in mind, for this project, I decided to do something nice with them. We're always arguing and they always say I don't spend enough time with them, so that's what I'm going to work on. After all family comes first and if I don't make an effort to have a good relationship and be kind to my own parents, even if they don't support me, my life choices and sexuality, then I'm doomed. I hope someday my parents and I can come to terms with each other.

I have to thank you again for the inspiration you give me professionally and personally too (in cases such as this). You're an amazing actor and an amazing human being, I don't think I've never been more proud of anyone than I am of you. Even with all the fame and Hollywood madness, you're still an incredibly humble, kind and funny person. I hope you get everything you ever wanted in life because you genuinely deserve it.

Love,  
Bea

Happy Birthday, Ben!!

As of your birthday, I will have just finished a week at a camp for abused/neglected children. This camp is for children in the foster care system and is a week of just fun. It is christian based, but not to lead them to salvation, just to show them HOPE. That there are good, trustworthy people in the world who care about them!

May your birthday bring you wonderful blessings.

Dear Sir Cumberbatch,

I have little hope that you'll actually see this among the millions of other comments, but if you do, I simply want to wish you the bestest of birthdays. Thank you for your work, and for being an extraordinary storyteller and for sharing your gifts and your passion with the world. I imagine it's a scary position to be in sometimes. Just promise me you won't stop being brave and loving life and being passionate.

May you be blessed and loved, always loved, not just by your fans, but by the people who are most important to you. Be human. Be real. Be alive.

With much love,  
-Holly N.

Holy smokes! What they said ^^ Hahaha! So yeah, happy birthday and murder those candles! Oh and for your "day" I'm riding with my dual sport DR 200 with my daughter (she'll be riding her CRF 230) on a trail ride somewhere in the woods and I'll make beer batter fish 'n chips for my mom because she's sick and coming to live with us. She has Parkinson's and is pretty fragile. We love your work, and you're pretty frickin supercalifragalisticexpealidocious!

Take care and God bless, dude!

Your dorkiest admirer,  
Juliet

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Happy Birthday, Benedict! I am a huge fan of your work as an actor and admire you for asking others to honor your birthday in such a selfless way! I'm responding to your request that we all do for others by first making a donation to our local feline rescue group C.A.T.S (Committed Alliance To Strays). This little band of angels has worked to find homes for stray cats for 20 years. Sadly, they have fallen on very hard times and are at risk of closing at the end of this month. It just breaks my heart. So, I will be making a donation to C.A.T.S. in honor of your day.

Denise, USA

Dear Benedict,

I have been in your fandom for more than a year now? (wow where did the time go) Your work on and off screen has legitimately changed my whole being. I am smarter, more emphatic and more observant because of what you have portrayed to the general public. What captivated me at first was Sherlock (rather obvious, no?), but what really made me enthralled and fascinated by you was Parade's End and Creation, so much emotion and complexity. I enjoy all of your work and the image you showcase to the world. You are one of the few who show that even if you are rich and famous, one shouldn't waste it all away and ruin themselves. You, sir, have changed my life. And I will forever be grateful.

Much love,  
Jinn

P.S. Keep doing whatever makes you happy. You deserve it.

P.P.S. please visit Melbourne again? I saw you on the streets but dared not voice your name in case you got recognised.

**Happy Birthday, Benedict!**

**You are an extraordinary man, who deserves all the best for his life! You're an amazing actor and a wonderful person who inspires so many people, and to pass on all the kindness and joy that you give to me is an honor, and I will try my best to make other people happy the way you do. Thank you so much for being the way you are, because you changed my life!**

Happy Birthday Benedict! I hope you have a wonderful day! I have been a fan of yours for years, & I think Batch of Kindness is a great way to celebrate your birthday. I think everyone should do this on a regular basis by donating whatever you can to those in need, recycling, being kind to others, etc, but I'll make sure to do even more kind acts to celebrate your birthday. Have a blast on your birthday, & may you have many more fantastic birthdays in your future!

Happy 38th Birthday Benedict :) Wishing you lots of success, health, wealth and happiness. Hope you do see these lovely wishes and this wonderful project - you are helping to make the world a better place :) Just like your name - Benedict (blessed) Can't wait to see more of you at the cinema. Lots of Best Wishes x

Hi Benedict, not sure if you remember me as you meet so many fans, but we met at the meet and greet at Adelaide comic con. I told you just how important your work has been to my life. I wanted to say it was fantastic to meet you, it really was, I'd been wanting to tell you that for a long time. I've been a fan since 2010 and I want to wish you a very happy birthday. Your work in Stuart a life backwards has inspired me, and I'll always give a homeless person whatever is in my wallet.

Thank you again, you saved my life.  
Siobhan

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Dear Benedict,

Happy Birthday and we all wish you an amazing day. Thank you so much for being an amazing actor, both on stage and in movies. Thank you for being kind and open to your fans and for being down to earth kind of guy in spite of your popularity.

Happy Birthday once again and I bet we will be able to spread love and kindness on this day.

Lee

Dear Benedict,

Happy Birthday! Best wishes on your day! I wanted you to know that I find you a very talented actor who can play a multitude of characters. Each day I find something new on YouTube. I recently watched you as Stephen Hawking, Van Gogh Painted with Words, Forty Something, National Theatre 50 Celebration, The Turning Point, and BBC's Sherlock Holmes Series. I could go on and on....

Thank you for providing ACTS OF KINDNESS with your extraordinary acting talents and abilities. You never disappoint me. HAPPY, HAPPY, BIRTHDAY !

I am very happy to dedicate my simple acts of kindness to you until the 17th.

Happy, happy birthday to you.

I am profoundly touched you would create this wonderful collective. You are every bit the kind and generous man I thought you.

I volunteer to help get books ready for the next year the local schools.

I give money to people on the street (who do and do not ask for it).

I buy food for a local food bank.

Those are just a few things I do weekly.

I wish you the most sincere happiness. I am very proud to be a fan of a man like you.

Blessings on this day and every day to come.

Oh, and a little bit of silly:

Why did the cow want to get to the other side of the street?

Because he wanted to get to to the mooovies :-)

Feliz Aniversário, Benedict! Parabéns pelo seu dia! Que todos os seus sonhos se realizem e que você continue sendo este ator brilhante e carismático! Os fãs brasileiros gostam muito de você e do seu trabalho e esperamos que um dia você possa vir ao Brasil!

Com amor,

Caroline

(Translation) Happy Birthday, Benedict! Congratulations on your day! May all your dreams come true and that you continue being this bright and charismatic actor! The Brazilian fans are very fond of you and your work and hopefully one day you can come to Brazil!

With love,

Caroline

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Wishing you the happiest of birthdays and best wishes dear Benedict!

Thank you for inspiring me. Seeing your passion for life and tenacious work ethic is so admirable. I'm currently in a graduate psychology program and working as a therapist. For so long, I've put myself second. Seeing how brilliantly you act and how generous you are with your time was the catalyst I needed to aspire to more. I've gone back to playing piano after not laying a finger on the keys for over 5 years. I've also begun volunteering at my local hospital. I hope you're overwhelmed with pride at all the good works you've inspired. You're an absolute joy to watch.

Take care, enjoy the day and Cheers!

Happy Birthday, dear Benedict! I just want to say that I admire your excellent acting so much! Firstly I was amazed by "Sherlock", then I had an opportunity to see "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" (I must say that you and Gary Oldman are my favourite actors ever!). Before watching "Fifth Estate" I thought that it's impossible to look so similar to the original character. Lastly, "August: Osage County" and "Murder is easy" stole my heart :) You are great actor, with amazing and unique talent and in the same time you seem to be such a wonderful person in real life :)

Never give up and remember that you have thousands of fans all around the world. Once again - happy birthday. I hope all your dreams will come true.

Greetings from Poland,  
Suzi

Benedict,

**Another Birthday! All my love and best wishes! Just finished watching Third Star. What a GREAT PERFORMANCE! WOW! You were wonderful. You made your character feel all the stages of grief. In the end accepting and choosing your own way to go. I had tissues all the way!**

**Do something special on your birthday just for you.**

Love,  
Monica

Hi, Ben - I know your Birthday is tomorrow, but I'm going on holiday and I won't be able to write to you. So, Happy Birthday, Benedict! I'm not gonna tell you how talented actor you are, because you know it and you exactly know what else you can achieve and how to be totally exceptional.

I wish to you stimulating actors' challenges, extraordinary characters to play and participation in many interesting projects. Enjoy your passion for acting to the fullest and regret nothing!

But above all this I wish you to find someone who will bring you love, happiness, inner strength and support that nothing in the world could give, someone who will make your wildest and most hidden dreams come true.

Oh, and come to Warsaw some day ;) Take care of yourself and remember - The Game is Always On!

Love & Hugs  
Maja

Happy Birthday, Benedict. "What I value in you is that intensity." True. Greetings from Slovakia.  
Maja

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Hey Benedict,

So I just wanted to wish you a very happy birthday! I also wanted to say that I'm a huge fan (I've been in the fandom for about a year now). But you are amazing both as an actor and as a person. You are just such a talented actor! But I'm going to end by wishing you a very happy birthday. Thanks for everything you have done!

Love,  
Bekah

**Happy Birthday! All the best wishes for a perfect day!**

**As it happens, it's on the exact date I'll next be allowed to donate blood again, so I'll do that with an extra smile involved. I'd stick a bow on the pouch in your name, but I'm afraid they won't allow that. ;)**

Happy birthday Mr. Benedict Cumberbatch :)

You're amazing man. One of the best actors in the world. One of the best Sherlocks of all time :)

Happy Happy Happy ... :)

Best wishes for you.

Dear Benedict,

You are the person who inspires others, as we see from this website. Keep being this impressive actor, public figure and human being. I am also new in this fandom, but I am happy to see it's such a sincere bunch, warm and open minded. Now - to your greetings. I hope this a sunny day for you, inside and out - that you're surrounded by love and happiness, filled with joy, content, pride of your work and life. I hope you get to spend a great Saturday away from any troubles, relaxing and wonderful altogether. All the best.

Dear Benedict,

May you have the happiest of birthdays.

You are such a gifted actor and no one can ever thank you enough for bringing literature to life through your brilliant portrayals.

You have inspired me in many ways as well as I write the history of my English ancestors during the Civil Wars.

Thank you for sharing your genius with the world and for remaining a sweet and wonderful human being despite the insanity of fame that you have to deal with.

I am planting perennial flowers in front of my church in your honor. They will remain forever as a reminder of the kindness you embody and which you would like to spread around the world.

May God continue to richly bless you and may you continue to be a blessing to the rest of the world.

Dear, Dear Ben,

I hope you understand that your legion of infatuates do in fact include people of all ages, genders and stations in life. I count myself among them, though I'm closer in age to your parents than I am to you. I am so grateful to your parents, as I'm sure you are, for giving you the foundations on which to grow and prosper, and I'm grateful to you for all of your hard work and discipline dedicated to developing your craft. Thank you, especially, for Mr. Tiejens, and for the respect and care you brought to your portrayal of ALS in *Hawking*. My grandmother had ALS and you were spot on. You inspire me every day, as she did.

I also hope you understand that, even though we do know that infatuation is projection, what we feel for you also includes love, respect and admiration. I hope you feel that on this day above all. I wish you happiness in your personal life and joy in your work always. Teek

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Dear Benedict,

I haven't known about you or your work for very long now (two months to be exact) and I can tell that you have made an impact on so many people. In a good way of course!! Anyways I hope that you have a wonderful birthday and I hope that you have many more!! Wishing you a happy and wonderful day,

Love,  
Harleigh

P.s. Keep doing what you do best and stay happy!! :D

A little early but happy birthday to you, Benedict. My act of kindness went to the rep who went above and beyond to help me get my new iPhone. I knew she worked on commission but her kindness and patience with me was outstanding. I excused myself for a moment to get myself a drink and when I returned, I presented her with a Starbucks gift card as thanks. It made my day even brighter when her face lit up with gratitude and surprise. Be kind to one another. It makes the world go round. :)

Hi Benedict

A happy, happy birthday to you, Mr. Cumberbatch! I'm a 21 year-old from India, and I assure you, not every 21 year-old looks at you as someone they're obsessed with. Some of them only have huge, huge respect for you in their hearts. Hope this little fact makes you breathe a little easier. Have a wonderful year ahead coming ahead :)

Happy Birthday, dear Benedict!

I wish you good health and love. Thank you for being such a wonderful and inspiring person. You make us, your fans, want to be better people. May all your dreams come true.

With love,  
Marta.

Happy birthday Benedict! I hope this year is filled with more success for you as you continue to inspire and bring joy to many around the globe. Thank you for blessing our screens and stages with your talent and enjoy your special day!

Much love,  
Georgie x

I planted my "Batch of Kindness" garden this morning in front of my church. It looks gorgeous and will forever be called (at least by me) "Benedict's Garden". As I was weeding and planting I was ruminating on the state of the world and the horrendous events of the past day. It was very healing to know that I was at least trying to add a little beauty to peoples' lives, at the behest of a lovely man who only wants to spread kindness in this world where sometimes all we can see is man's inhumanity to his fellow man. God bless you, Benedict.

Dear Benedict,

Happy birthday, I'm so happy to see your star rising internationally..It's about time!

Sincerely,  
Josee`

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Hey Ben. Have a wonderful birthday - I LOVE birthdays & try to milk mine for all it's worth. You have made my world a much happier place over the last couple of years - though to be fair, I fell for Christopher Tietjens, not you ;) The way you speak about your career and the passion you clearly have for what you do (and the way your work & your words touch people) is inspirational & I will be doing my best to undertake acts of kindness in your name...today!

Have the hugest cyber hug EVER. S x x

Dear Benedict,

You are an amazing actor, and truly also seem to be a fine human being. It must be difficult to be so famous. I hope that you are still able to have a wonderful and private life. Yet your fame is doing good things in the world, so maybe it is part of your particular destiny.

I think Sherlock moves so many people for a couple reasons. We are in desperate times, and people long for heroes who take on the challenge of working for the good. And Sherlock does this despite his own difficulties. He may be brilliant, but life is not easy for him. I also think that we see in Sherlock LIFE, a sense of panache, of wit, of adventure. Maybe our first steps are to reach for that by loving the show, but I feel that what it leads to is to find one's own adventure and life. To "live a life less ordinary," as you mentioned. It's not just Sherlock, but other roles. You bring something very special, a humanity, to your portrayal of each character. Thank You.

This wonderful "Batch of Kindness" effort has inspired some friends and me to form a band called "The Baker Street Irregulars." Our goal is to play as volunteers at hospitals, assisted living facilities, etc. In 3 weeks we are giving our first "big" concert to raise funds for The Prince's Trust, and also for a group called Truth Peace Love who are doing wonderful humanitarian work for children on the front lines in Syria. We intend to keep the group going, play for many good causes, and maybe go on the road a bit. Let the adventures begin.

Also, thinking about kindness, large and small, is changing how I see the world. Everything, a plant, a pet, a person, can always use a kindness. There is always a way to do something for kindness. I hope never to lose this perception. So thank you so much for so many things. Have a Wonderful Birthday, and a Wonderful Life.

Sending You Thanks, Love, and Good Wishes,  
Patricia

Dear Benedict,

Besides you are a talented actor, you are an exceptional person by showing the goodness towards others. You inspire me to act respectfully, politely and reach for my own dreams. I thank you! You deserve all the glory you have received!

Happy Birthday Benedict!

Feliz Cumpleaños Ben!

Espero que todos tus deseos se hagan realidad, que la vida te llene de bendiciones. Mereces todo lo bueno de este mundo y gracias por todas las horas de felicidad que me das. Dios te bendiga, Besos y Abrazos.

(Translation) Happy Birthday Ben!

I hope all your wishes come true, that life fill you with blessings. You deserve everything good in this world and thanks for all the hours of happiness you give me. God bless you, hugs and kisses.

