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To whom this may concern,

What characteristics make an incredible team? It takes a strong leader and an even stronger support system to make dreams a reality for the boys that I sent to Teen Leaders of America Camp: Jacksonville, FL Branch. From Marcia Brown to Kaffee Campbell to Glenn McMillian, these individuals worked relentlessly with all of my youth who were a handful at times. The end result of the camp for my teens was all the same. They all felt like they benefited enormously and felt that going to college was a reality for them where it always was just something everyone talked about. All of my youth had never been on college campuses and never were afforded the opportunity to really understand how higher learning can take them to new places in life. For one of my teens, the camp was truly a game changer. Before the camp began the child was on the run several times and was engaging in criminal/ deviant behavior. The child was using illegal substances and making poor choices in his life. The child did not want to go to the camp at first but with a little coaxing we were able to get him to go. After the first week, the child raved about how much fun he was having and how he did not want to go to any other camps beside Teen Leaders for the rest of the summer. The child did not get into any further trouble while he was participating in the camp and he has more of a passion to go to college now.

These are the results that I couldn't fathom at the beginning of this experience but here we are at the end of the summer and it is a reality. The children that I have spoken to continue to tell me that that would love to come back next year and hopefully next year we will be able to refer even more to this wonderful camp.

Thank you for making my children a priority and treating them with respect and dignity. Most importantly, thank you for giving them memories that will last a lifetime and instilling in them a desire to better themselves in their future lives.

With kind regards,

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