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MARCUS



2016

MAKE THE DAYS COUNT DON'T COUNT THE DAYS

May 18, 2016

Dear Brantwood Supporter,

Through the years, I've seen hundreds of children come through our doors and unfortunately, there are so many more children that need our love, guidance, and care. Your acts of support have allowed us to provide for our children and give them opportunities that they may not have had the privilege to have if not under our care. I've seen so many transform for the better from the time they entered our doors to the time they exit.

Each accomplishment of a former Brantwood youth is an accomplishment for our community and an accomplishment of yours. It is my prayer each day that our children will take advantage of the opportunities afforded to them by you, our friend. Marcus (*photo'd above*) took advantage of the opportunities afforded to him and that is why I am honored to share his story with you today.

Marcus joined his sister here at Brantwood in 1997 at the age of 14. For years, Marcus had lived with his grandmother, until she passed. Marcus' aunt stepped up to the plate, but unfortunately the conflict with Marcus' mother proved too much. Soon, two more of his sisters arrived here.

Suddenly, the great life he had known was changing. As a child, Marcus didn't know that there was an option aside from the rough, drug-ridden communities in which he had lived. Within months of being in our care, Marcus was given the opportunity to join ROTC, play basketball at Lee High School, and he eventually enrolled at Troy University. Now, Marcus works for the Montgomery Police Department and by all accounts is a successful, productive member of this community. When asked how he seemed to turn his life around, he discussed the tools which led to his success.

"The house parents talked to me about life— the anger and resentment I had and how to channel that. Before Brantwood, I never went to church, but it was mandatory there. I really used that foundation of faith a lot. I learned so much. I am truly thankful for the staff, from the board to the house parents to the executive director to the donors for giving me a safe haven, where I could grow, learn, and be comfortable. They wanted me to see great things and do great things. And in turn, I wanted that for myself."

You made an impact in his life. And now, we have 30 more children who deserve the same. Join us today by showing your ongoing support and commitment to our home by giving a donation. Your gift, no matter the size, is a vote of confidence in our ability to serve the children in our community for the next 100 years. Thank you.

For the children,

Executive Director



P.S. Your gift to our home allows our children to *make the days count*. Thank you for making an investment into their lives.

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