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Dear Pace,

My name is Darryl L. Kilgore Jr.; at this time; I would like to formally thank everyone affiliated with the Pace/OAR program. If it were not for you all, there would be no telling where I would be as of today. Greatly possible, I would be homeless, roaming the streets of Indiana. As of November, 2010, I was blessed to be taken in as one of your own. I have felt as though as I was family, for my own family had no desire to give me a place to lay my head. After hearing the many excuses my family had as to why they could not house me, I honestly lost hope. It was not until towards the end of my incarceration, that I was approached by one of the program's case managers. I informed them of my situation of not having anywhere to go, and almost immediately I was told they would help me.

They not only housed me, but were connected another program, which helped to furnish my apartment. The weight of stress that I had was greatly lifted. This gave me the opportunity to focus on getting other aspects of my life back together. I was able to find a job, to which I was recently promoted to a part time supervisor. Also, I was able to enroll in the Business Management program at Brown Mackie College-Indianapolis, where I currently maintain a 3.88 GPA. I am a member of the school's Business Club and I tutor in the subjects Fundamentals of Math as well as Fundamentals of English.

I appreciate the dedication the Case Managers have. They really push us, and demand our greatest efforts. Currently, my Case Manager is Debbie Lockett, she and I have grown a bond that will last a life time. She shows everyone how stern she can be, but I have had to opportunity to see her sweeter side. She is truly a great and kind person, but like me, she just has a low tolerance for ignorance and people who do not enough even want to try. I can honestly say that that fact alone motivates me to exceed her expectations. It would hurt me to embarrass her or not to make her proud of me. She is like my mother, sister and one of my best friends.

Being in this program has done so much for me that I cannot help but to want to give back. Upon request, I would definitely like to be one of their spokespersons and speak to the youth across the world. I am not rich enough yet to donate the funds that I would like to yet, but I will give what I can. For starters I will donate some of my business and interview attire for those who do not have any. I strongly encourage not only the clients enrolled in the program, but people across the world to donate whatever you can, whether it is time or an old pair of shoes. With the way the mentality and economy of our society is today, every bit will help and motivate somebody to do better just by knowing that somebody out there really cares about them.

Sincerely,

Mr. Darryl L. Kilgore Jr.