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SURVIVING ON MY OWN: AGING OUT OF CHILD WELFARE

Aging out of care and moving into adulthood has been a difficult transition, yet a fun and exciting one. I came to The Children's Home with a very positive attitude, wanting to better my life. It's with this attitude everything has gone uphill, and now I'm almost to the point of leaving The Children's Home on a very positive note.

Aging out of care into adulthood comes with a lot of stress though. For me, it includes finishing high school, doing well on the SAT exam, preparing for college, playing baseball, maintaining a job, and continuously answering the question, "Will I really succeed"? The stress is extremely difficult, and day by day I deal with it. At the same time, I know the pressure is making me a stronger person. In the future, when I get hit with new challenges as an adult, I will be able to deal with them better than the average person.

With a little will power and determination, anything's possible. It's been exciting knowing the success I have had with The Children's Home Behavior Modification Program, going from the lowest level, bronze orientation, to the highest level, platinum graduate.

I also moved from Kempte Cottage, which is a more restrictive residence compared to Horton House, the semi-independent living program, in which I am currently residing at The Children's Home.

Aging out of care into adulthood is going to be difficult. Whether it will be a positive or negative experience for you will be up to your attitude and what you want in life. I know I'll do well.

Now I'm on my way out looking forward to what adulthood has to offer.

"Real World"...HERE I COME.

By College G

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To help children and their families by providing professional therapeutic and supportive services which will enable them to achieve their full potential.

POETRY CORNER –

“SPEAK AND LET THE WHOLE WORLD HEAR”

No Place Like Home

My mom is a good mother, but she isn't mentally strong,
Everyday in the homeless shelter I told her to stay strong,
I can see it in her eyes that she wanted to give up
Just like I said my mom done gave up
Left us with a friend of the family and never came back
Me and my little sister thinking will she come back
The lady called DYFS and they took us like that
Now we all separated with the mice and the rats
All the things I've been through this got my mind in a roam
Everyday saying to myself...
There's no place like home.

By
Brooklyn's Finest

Anger That Lives Upon Us

-Anger wears a jacket
Of hottest flames
-The Color of the flames is blue
Touch it!
-And you'll be burned
Not Your Body, but your mind
-Until You Can't Think
Only Hate
-Anger lives in a dark place
So no one will bother him.

By
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New RECREATIONAL CENTER Is More Than Just Fun and Games

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is composed of residents at The Children's Home. This YAB came up with the idea to reward those students that excelled on a daily basis. The idea to create a new recreational center was agreed upon unanimously.

The recreational center is where the students can come together to utilize communication skills and respect for one another. A few advantages is that it gives students a goal to work towards and gives some others employment opportunities by operating the center's snack bar. It also allows those students who work hard in school and at their cottages a place to go and stay out of trouble.

The students at The Children's Home would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped by donating all of the items to help make the rec. center a fun and safe place. The students work so hard to achieve goals with a reward at the end.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken part in making this a successful part of The Children's Home experience.

By Nini

