A Young Man’s Journey

Meet Larry, age 18

I am a senior in high school and I wake up every morning at 5:30 AM for school. I have a B+ average and I do JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps). I am going to apply to college and become an FBI agent. I am presently working at Marshalls so I can save for college.

I was 17 when my family moved to Brookview. I thought I knew what to expect because I was living in a shelter in Fitchburg and it was awful; my little brother got sick a lot. Those were hard times. No access to transportation, no jobs, not a lot of food. I would never want to live like that again.

The welcome at Brookview was good. I remember it was raining; my mom was sad and crying. All I knew is that I could not be sad; I had to be strong and hard at that moment in life. After we transferred to Brookview everything was close, especially the hospital, which is a resource needed for my brother all the time. He is allergic to so many foods.

“Life is not easy, but you don’t have to let it get you down, and if it does, you stand right up. It really feels good when you get extra help to get up on your feet.”

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I participate in the Brookview Teen Visionaries program. They bring teens together and we feel comfortable and safe. I really enjoy being in the program because of all the opportunities. We attend life skills workshops, go on college tours, go dirt biking, and participate in fun outings and field trips.

Being in the teen program has made me smile and it relieved some of the problems that I had. Sometimes doing things that you don’t usually do gets you out of this big bad ball and makes you feel good.

You make it possible for young men like Larry and his family to achieve their dreams. Your contribution supports Brookview and its life-changing programs—academic, life skills, behavioral health, and social development.

You make a significant difference in the lives of women and children experiencing and at risk of homelessness. After all, their future depends on your contribution.

I hope we can count on you during these challenging times.

Please invest in mothers and children with a gift of $500, $250, $150 or whatever you can do. Every gift helps. Truly!

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