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To: Mr. William White

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Subject: Mentor Report for Josh Callaway

Graduation. Attending was a privilege! An impressive ceremony in every respect,,,one which recognized significant achievement and which should continue to be a source of inspiration in the future when challenges arise. The enthusiasm and sense of pride were infectious! Following the ceremony, the celebration continued, for I had lunch with Josh and his family.

The impact upon Josh. This experience was transforming! Prior to the program, Josh had virtually no motivation. Now, he has a sense of direction and the discipline to pursue constructive goals. He readily admits that the program was demanding, but would do it again and would recommend it to anyone else who was struggling. His physical conditioning seemed almost miraculous. A new person!

Current status. In addition to telephonic contact, I have had lunch with Josh twice and have talked with him at Church on two occasions. Discovering that he had not passed the GED was disappointing (he failed the language arts section), but I am immensely proud that he is attending a remedial course in Monticello twice a week. When he passes, he is considering the Navy or the Coast Guard, which I believe would be ideal. A recent development: his father, a registered nurse with whom Josh is living, is considering moving to Alaska. This is also appealing to Josh, for he believes employment opportunities there are promising (he has explored this on the internet). We will see what develops....

Best wishes for the continuation of your superb program!

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