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Maryland/Delaware/D.C. Moose Association

Dear Members:

My name is Jacob Stegeman. I am a senior this year at the Mooseheart High School. I am graduating as the class Valedictorian. I have lived on the Mooseheart campus since August 23, 2004. I have a younger sister that also currently lives on campus. I will be attending Purdue University after graduation. If you could ask my grandparents if they thought that I would have graduated at the top of my class 4 years ago, you would have heard a loud "NO WAY"!!

Before coming to Mooseheart I would get into fights, argue with peers, teachers, and my grandparents. I was often kicked out of the classroom because I was so disruptive. Mooseheart provided me with a new start. It wasn't easy, but I was fortunate enough to live with people who took the time to teach me new ways to deal with my anger and motivated me to do well in the classroom. I joined sports and played on the Mooseheart Varsity Football team and Wrestling Team. Mooseheart not only provided me with an incredible educational opportunity but also helped me to develop new and lasting relationships.

The Men and Women of the Moose helped put my life on the right path. Your continued support of Mooseheart is vital and I want to encourage you to be a part of the Gimme Five program. Thank you for making a real difference in my life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob Stegeman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jacob Stegeman