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Maryland/Delaware/D.C. Moose Association

Dear Members:

My name is Vernon Owens. I am in the 9th grade this year and have lived on the Mooseheart campus since July 31, 2007. I live in the Maryland/Delaware/D.C. home.

Before I moved to campus I lived with my parents in Chicago, Illinois. It is very important to me and my family that I get a good education and the chance to go to college. I came to Mooseheart through the Daniel J. Murphy scholarship program.

One of the things I like about Mooseheart is that it is a safe community. Our homes are very nice and our school really cares about our success. If you need help in any way, there is always someone there to talk to. I never have to worry about gangs, drugs, or being robbed. I get to be a part of the sports teams and we have the opportunity to do many other activities both on and off campus. It would be very difficult for my family to provide me and my brothers and sisters with all the things that I get every day. I don't have to worry about having clothes, or if I need to see a doctor, or just to go to the movies and be my friends. I feel safe at Mooseheart and know that I already want to play football next year.

Mooseheart has provided me with many opportunities and I want to thank you for your hard work and generosity you show to this campus. Please consider being an active participant in the Gimme Five program. Mooseheart has made a big difference in my life and I know I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for your support and help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vernon Owens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Vernon Owens