

Celebrating
Success and
Transforming Lives.

The Eckerd Connects Success Award recognizes individuals who have overcome adversity, demonstrated resilience, and achieved remarkable success through their involvement with Eckerd Connects programs.

These inspiring stories showcase the transformative impact of our programs in empowering individuals to overcome obstacles and build a brighter future.



JEREMIAH (AGE 14)

PROGRAM:

Eckerd Boys Residential Academy of Candor

LOCATION: Goldsboro, NC

"I want a YMCA
membership to give me a
safe place to play
basketball and stay
away from trouble. I will
have something to do
beside be in the streets...
It would really mean a
lot to be able to have my
own new pants that
actually fit me, instead
of old dirty ones."

ACHIEVEMENTS: Academic Success, Behavioral Management Achievements, Positive Life Transformation

When Jeremiah entered the Eckerd Connects Program, he was failing in school and his family was struggling with homelessness. He had been placed in an alternative school based on poor behavior. When he joined the Eckerd Connects program, Jeremiah's personality and intelligence began to shine. Jeremiah was able to bring his grades to an A/B Honor Roll level and he dedicated more than 32 hours to community service. He also participated in an off-campus trip to work with individuals with disabilities and received praise for his active engagement. To really shine, Jeremiah asked Eckerd Connects for a YMCA membership with a bicycle to get him to a place where he can safely play basketball. The Eckerd Connects Success Award provided this, along with the new clothes he so desired.

ADDITIONAL STATS:

- Jeremiah comes from a single mom with four children who works part-time to try to provide for them.
- They recently moved into a home after three months of homelessness.
- Getting a bicycle and new clothes give Jeremiah invaluable tools to help with his overall well-being and self confidence.

"I will never forget about this, again thanks a lot...You have really blessed me and my family.... You could have picked anyone else, but you chose me. Thanks a lot."

HOW TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS AWARD:

Your support can make a difference in the lives of individuals striving for success. Consider making a contribution to the Eckerd Connects Success Award to help us continue our mission of transforming lives. Visit our donation page to contribute and make a positive impact today.

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