

Dear Jubilee Soup Kitchen Board Members:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Jubilee Kitchen for everything they have done for me, my family, and for the community. The primary mission of Jubilee Soup Kitchen is to, "Welcome those whose lives are challenged by poverty, illness, joblessness, or homelessness." By providing a safe, caring and hospitable environment to anyone who needs assistance, Jubilee does an incredible job of fulfilling the mission.

Since the second grade I have been involved with Jubilee Kitchen, as a participant in the social programs that they offered to children who reside in the Hill District. "Would you like to attend St. Agnes school, then Central Catholic, and then one day go into college?" the question that Sister Liguori, the executive director of the Kitchen asked me when they began my tuition assistance at St. Agnes Elementary School. I would not have had the opportunity to attend St. Agnes School and Central Catholic High School without the support of Jubilee Kitchen.

Through the generosity of Jubilee Kitchen, I have had the opportunity to attend Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development for the past two summers. Northwestern is home to diverse people from various backgrounds and I was honored to be one of the few students in the nation selected for the summer program at the Center for Talent Development. CTD gave me the opportunity to meet other gifted high school scholars from around the country who were also diligently pursuing their education, and getting a glimpse of the independence and the responsibility of a college student. This past summer, I earned a 97% in my course entitled "*Civil Liberties Honors: Law and the Constitution.*" I am thankful that Jubilee was able to support my pursuit to further my education at Northwestern, where I have gained a deeper appreciation for the world around me.

Growing up in an extremely depressed part of Pittsburgh, I am familiar with the disparities that many black youth face; a childhood of violence, drugs, anger, misguidance, financial barriers, and broken scenarios. However, the nuns at Jubilee were positive examples and instilled in me a desire to try to beat the cycle, to grow up to succeed despite the apparent futility of the struggle. They provided me with the choice of, "whether to lash out bitterly and violently, without reason and direction, or to channel my energies into a meaningful, positive effort." As a senior at Central Catholic High School, preparing to matriculate into LaSalle University, I am forever grateful for Jubilee Kitchen for putting me on the path of realizing my potential to make a success of myself. From my foundation at St. Agnes to the sharpening of my skills at Central Catholic I know that without the support of Jubilee I would not been where I am today.

Sr. Liguori Rossner, Sr. Therese Frankowski and Sr. Betty Waigand, have all had an indelible impact on my life, and play pivotal roles in the success of Jubilee. I am

convinced that God is at work through these nuns, working to change the world. Furthermore, through the continual support of the mission of Jubilee, from the board members, donors and staff, I am not the only student who is able to have hope for the future. Currently, Jubilee funds the education of six other students, who are also determined to make a success of their lives; who without your much needed support, would likely be headed down the road of uncertainty.

From the board members, to the donors and through the volunteer and staff, I am firmly convinced that this tradition of restoring hope in the community will continue on forevermore. Rest assured knowing that you have helped change my life, and that I will one day come back to do my part in making this mission come alive—much like you have. I thank you for showing your unrelenting support of Jubilee Kitchen. By doing so, you have helped me, a poor little boy from a very impoverished part of Pittsburgh, beat all odds and be successful. You are to be commended!!!

Thank You Ever So Much,

Delvin Turner