



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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Dear Future Club Supporter,

I recently got accepted to Harvard! **Yes, Harvard.** A kid from north Baton Rouge who attended public schools got into Harvard. This is great news, but my story is even better. My name is Sa'Carl Taylor. I am a member in one of Baton Rouge's best afterschool enrichment programs, Boys & Girls Club.

I'm not sure I lived in poverty, my family was rich with love and support. I lived with my mom who worked. I needed a place to go afterschool. I'm not sure she put much thought into it when she signed me up at the Boys & Girls Club when I was in the third grade.

At the Club, the staff provided opportunities for me to grow and explore the world around me. Everyday, they helped me with my homework, encouraged me and held me to high expectations. They became my extended family.

The other Club members became my friends and support group. **It was a place where I belonged.** I excelled because of the Club. Cheerleading became a big part of my life, too. I was head cheerleader my junior and senior years.

This summer more than 550 teens and children, just like me, will be attending the Boys & Girls Club's Summer Enrichment Program. We need your support to ensure that our summer is successful.

Summers at the Boys & Girls Club are fun, loud, and chaotic, where we read a lot and continue to learn.

I invite you to give.

- **Give \$100.00** to help us purchase the more than 600 books needed for the Summer Brain Gain program.
- **Give \$50.00** to purchase the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Kits for the summer.
- **Give \$25.00** to support our Chess Program.

Everyone who has ever given to the Boys & Girls Club contributed to my Harvard acceptance. I can't promise that every kid at the Club will go to an Ivy League school, but I can promise you that without your support, none of them will.

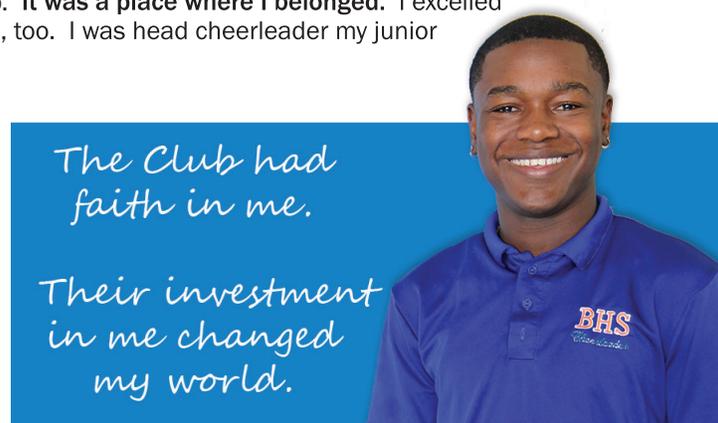
**Please have faith in the Club and give.** Show me that you care about kids that just need a guiding hand, a person to believe in them, someone to set high expectations.

I invite you to come visit my Boys & Girls Club this summer, before I start my new journey. You will see the joy that the Club has brought me and so many others.

Sincerely,

Sa'Carl Taylor, II  
Boys & Girls Club member

P.S. Call Mr. Pat's cell phone at 225.933.3623 if you want to come visit.



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