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Dear Cheryl:

Thank you for the support you have shown our kids this year. With the school year coming to a close and summer upon us, I've had time to reflect on the many blessings that our community has bestowed on us.

Raul came to Boys and Girls Country three years ago, after years of abuse at the hands of his father and movement from shelter to shelter with his mother and siblings. He was "nervous and confused" when he arrived, but he has come to appreciate the time and love his cottage family has given him. "Boys and Girls Country is pretty much the first stable place I could truly call home and has helped me with my struggles and conflicts here and outside."

The investment you have made in Raul's life has meant that he now has hope for a better future. Many things have changed for Raul, as he recently shared with our Board of Directors:

My relationships with my mom and brothers are much better. I am a role model to my younger brothers and they try to be like me, going to church and listening to my advice. Boys and Girls Country has helped me in school and I continue to improve. I am a Straight-A student and I'm in Pre AP and dual credit classes which will allow me to get college credits. My plans for the future are to go to college at either Baylor, Trinity, or UT Austin and study Neuroscience. Many people in my family have bi-polar disorder and I want to cure it completely or help try to find a cure.

Please convey our sincerest gratitude to your entire team. You have truly made a difference! We welcome your questions or feedback. I can be reached at any time at 281-803-3136 or by email at loup@boysandgirlscountry.org. Please know you have an open invitation to visit our home harmonia. anytime!

Blessings,

Lou Palma

**Executive Director**