



IT TAKES A VILLAGE



CALEB

When I came to Eagle Village, I didn't have any expectations. All I knew is that I was scared, I was angry, and I reacted to everything the wrong way. I would make snarky comments to not only my peers, but to those who genuinely cared for me here. I always felt like there was something more that I should be doing, but I was on a wrong path and letting my past define who I was. Luckily, there are staff at Eagle Village who helped me through my self-doubt and lack of self-confidence.

Today, I am a different person; I am now on a better path. I can talk about my feelings and not make snarky comments when I get angry or frustrated. I am not afraid to ask questions, I listen, and make better choices.

**I never thought succeeding was possible.
My expectations have changed;
I have a chance at a new beginning.**

I look forward to the future and know that I am capable of doing great things. I would like to become an actor someday; many of those who know me know that I love to talk... A LOT! Most of all, I look forward to starting my own family, and I will support them with understanding, love, and kindness - just like Eagle Village did with me.

LIFE THROUGH *THEIR* EYES

DIEGO

Growing up was some what of a struggle. With lack of a parent at home, I found it extremely easy to fall in with the wrong people. I started skipping school and sneaking out of my house at night to spend time with my new friends. I stopped being respectful and stopped listening to adults. I ended up stealing anything from cars to candy bars so that I would fit in with my new group of friends. One day, my social worker had it with my behavior, and I was sent to Eagle Village.

At first, I was resistant to any help; I did not see a problem with my behavior or the choices I was making. Eagle Village taught me how to face my personal obstacles and challenges, and how to identify the things that I need to change about myself.

Eagle Village staff have taught me that I will not always succeed at everything the first time. And, it's okay to fail as long as I learn from it and try again.

In my journey to become the best me, one of my biggest goals is to learn more about why I get so angry and the best way to deal with my frustrations in a positive way. Above everything else is to finally make everyone I care about proud of me!



YOU CAN HELP EAGLE VILLAGE KIDS!





BLANKETS ARE BLESSINGS

A blanket can provide so much more than warmth. For a foster child, it provides security and eases anxiety – especially when entering into a new environment. Many of our youth can be seen wrapped in handmade crocheted and quilted blankets while attending their therapy sessions, at chapel, or during their morning circle and reflection times.

Over the years, we have been blessed with blankets, quilts and pillowcases from very talented volunteers and donors. We recently received many quilts from Paul and Grace Leroy and afghans from Althea Lefebvre. We are grateful for their continued dedication to showing our youth value.



MEANINGFUL MISSION TRIPS

We welcome volunteers to share their time and skills with us. From raking leaves and painting, to spending time with our youth, it takes a village and we invite you into ours! If you'd like to learn more about us, we offer tours during our Friends Friday events. You can also sign up to volunteer using the link below.

Friends Friday Dates: August 16 | September 20 | October 18
 Or, schedule a visit on a date and time that works for you!
 Send RSVP to: volunteer@eaglevillage.org



Learn more at eaglevillage.org/volunteer

YOUR GIFT TO THE EAGLE FUND STARTS A BLESSING OF OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH



Eagle Village youth at Dow Gardens, Midland

CREATING "HOME"

Many of our kids have never felt the safety, care and comfort that family and a home can provide. We want to show them how that base in life feels. Keeping campus facilities up to date, and creating a therapeutic environment to support the challenging work our youth do to learn how to cope with their trauma is essential.



THE EAGLE FUND MAKES POSSIBLE

- Homes that welcome and comfort the children we serve.
- Teaching our youth a standard of living.

NURTURE FAMILY

We believe involving the whole family is crucial to our youths' therapeutic treatment and success. We invite the families of our youth, if appropriate, to campus for monthly Family Legacy Events. This provides access to therapy, workshops and, family activities.



- A room in our on-campus motel
- Family meals for the weekend
- Therapeutic intervention and family support
- Guided family activities

FIRST OPPORTUNITIES

We want our youth to have traditional childhood experiences that most have so that they can feel the joy of childhood.



- Transportation and admission to the zoo, baseball games, Lake Michigan, ice skating and special events on campus.

Please consider a gift to our Eagle Fund. This fund supports our youth. It helps us go beyond the requirements of licensing, to do the things we know make a difference. Investing in the lives of children, who had an unimaginable start in life, is a true gift. It takes a village to change lives and futures.

Your gifts matter here.

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