I have been a member of the Spirit program for the past two years. The program was motivating and helped me focus on making sure my grades were not only a C or higher but to the best of my ability. My Spirit support group, including my mentor, helped me to discipline myself and held me accountable when I otherwise would have given up. The program offered recognition for the hard work I put forth in my classes and encouraged me to attend tutoring sessions when I fell behind. The idea of being included in a group, especially a group with other students who have the same challenges as I have, was fulfilling and helped me to feel accepted. The rewards such as our paydays helped me purchase much needed items such as food, books and clothes. I really enjoyed our pizza gatherings on Fridays and looked forward to reading the encouraging notes and cards sent by the Spirit community. I really hope donors know how much their contribution to this great program helps students who need it the most. I also hope the future kids who join the Spirit program enjoy the experience of being part of a support group as much as I did. I will be graduating top in my class, a year early and have been offered generous scholarships from colleges I would like to attend. Overall, the Spirit program was a large part of my success on the Franklin Campus, and I would like to thank everyone involved for allowing me to have this amazing opportunity!

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