



TESTIMONY

Testimony of Derron Carr

Good Afternoon. My name is Derron Carr and I am here today to talk about how important Beacon House is to me.

I live in Northeast D.C. and attend DC Preparatory Academy School. I am in the 6th grade. Each day after school, I walk to Beacon House where I get something good to eat and help with my day's homework assignments. I go to Beacon House at least 5 days a week, and sometimes I do something with Beacon House on the weekends. Several of my friends who are here today also go to Beacon House every day after school.

Beacon House is very important to me because it gives me the chance to play sports and to do well in school. Last year I was on the 90 lb. Pop Warner football team that won the national championship in Orlando, Florida. I learned so much from my coaches, and I made such good friends. That was a great experience that I'll never forget. I also play basketball and baseball on Beacon House teams.

I have also participated in Beacon House's Focus on Excellence tutoring program. I met with my tutor every week for an entire school year and worked on my math and reading skills. I feel I am a much better student now because of the tutoring program.

If Beacon House wasn't there, I don't know what I would be doing after school. I don't know of another place where I could go after school and get something good to eat, play on sports teams, or get help with my school work. I don't understand too much about where Beacon House gets its money from, but I do know that Beacon House is very important in my life and the life of my friends. So if you have anything to do with giving Beacon House the money it needs, I hope you keep on giving it.

Thank you.

