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Community Programs Series: Girl Scouting in Schools & Detention Centers



“When I first met Jada, she was quiet and seemed very out of touch with everything. Her mom told me that Jada used to play basketball and enjoy life. Lately Jada seemed very distant to her mom and was always getting in trouble for fighting at school. Jada’s mom said she had a challenging time opening up and could no longer get through to her, which is why she chose Girls Scouts Rise over the traditional community services option. On the first day Jada seemed reluctant to participate, but after convincing her to try the program you could tell she was having an enjoyable time. As the meeting progressed, Jada began to open up about her troubles at school and why she was getting into fights.

She was thriving in the program so much that she chose to go to Girl Scout camp after graduation. At camp, she could let go of all the things in her life that affected her on a daily basis. Jada was living her life the way she wanted to, normally. I recently saw her mother in Walmart and she said that Jada was doing well and if it wasn’t for the Rise program, the family would have lost Jada.”

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