



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF CAMDEN COUNTY

April 28, 2014

Mr. Gary Barbera  
C/O Gary Barbera Group  
Radnor Financial Center  
150 N. Radnor Chester Road  
Suite A-130  
Radnor, PA 19807

Dear Mr. Gary Barbera,

Thank you for your outstanding support of the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County! Your \$6,000 donation will provide college scholarships for our six 2014 Youth of the Year finalists. It is through the generosity of our friends and neighbors that the Club is able to continue offering an exciting afterschool program and a safe place to learn and grow.

In America today, 3 in 10 kids are obese or overweight, 1 in 5 children live in poverty, and 3 in 10 will not graduate from high school. The life saving youth program offered by the Boys & Girls Club of Camden County ensures that all members are on track to graduate, have a plan for the future, demonstrate good character and citizenship and live a healthy lifestyle. Your participation is a shining example for others and we are grateful for your abundantly generous support.

Please visit our Facebook page to learn more about our children's successes. We hope you will stay connected, follow our progress and engage in Boys & Girls Club events in the coming year. Thank you again for your tremendous investment in our youth. We wish you and your family a safe and joy filled spring season!

Sincerely,

Bernadette A. Shanahan  
Executive Director

*Thank you for your kindness!*

March 10, 2014

Dear Gary Barbera,

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$1000 "Youth of the Year" scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to find out that we all were receiving a scholarship from you.

I am currently a senior at Camden Catholic High School and will graduate this upcoming June. I will be majoring in Information Systems Management with a minor in Accounting at Morgan State University beginning in the fall of 2014. Upon graduating from Morgan State, I hope to pursue my Master's Degree and begin my career in the information technology field.

During my junior year in High School, I took a business course at my school and I fell in love with it. Because I love working on computers and I like working with my hands, I wanted to do something with all three of these aspects. (Business, Computers and working with my hands) After talking to people about my career, my uncle's friend had the same interest as I do. He suggested I look into information system management field, which he also majored in during college. So I did and I just loved everything I was reading and being taught.

The financial help you provided for me will be of great value in helping me with my educational expenses. It will also allow me to concentrate on my studies. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work hard and do my best because I know my family, friends, and people like you, believe in me. I hope to eventually be able to help others as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevon Ellis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "E".

Trevon Ellis

March 26, 2014

Dear Mr. Barbera:

I'm writing to thank you for the scholarship you have so kindly provided to me and my fellow club members. I am extremely grateful for your contribution to my education. This scholarship is helping me get one step closer to my dream of becoming an Accountant. In case you wanted to know what my plans are for the \$1,000 I will be receiving, I have decided it will contribute to my first year at Rutgers University. I am still undecided of what campus I will be attending but I will be using the scholarship toward my classes. I assure you that your scholarship will be used in the best way. Once again I want to thank you so much. You have a great heart and I hope that one day I can give back to the Boys & Girls Club just as you have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leah M', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leah Minuche

Abigail Jimenez  
68 S. 28<sup>th</sup> St.  
Camden NJ 08105

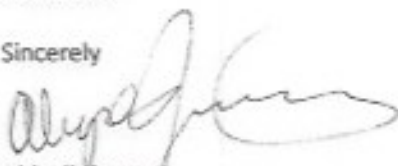
March 19, 2014

Gary Barbera  
7810 Roosevelt Blvd.  
Philadelphia, PA 19152

Dear Mr. Barbera

Hello, my name is Abigail Jimenez. I would like to thank you for choosing me to be the 2014 Youth of the Year for Camden County. It is a great honor to have been chosen to represent my organization. I plan to attend Rutgers University in Camden this upcoming September. Because of your generous donation I may have to worry less about books, school supplies, or my tuition. Your donation served not only as support but encouragement to us. Maybe one day when I graduate college I can do the same and help another student. Thank you again, I am extremely grateful for your donation towards my college education.

Sincerely



Abigail Jimenez

Dear Mr. Gary Barbera,

Hello, my name is Diana Roman, I was one of the youths who ran for Youth of The Year at the Boys and Girls Club. I am honored to say thank you for the grand donation that you represented us the day of judging. Although it has been a month ago, at times when I think back of that day, I can't believe what happened. I remember looking at all my peer's faces deciding if what you said was really happening. Tears of joy pooled around my eyes because I realized that with your donation I would have a way to pay for my first year expenses for college. It had felt like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. To this day I still can't believe that someone like yourself would be impacted by my life story within a few minutes. All the judges believed in each on of us and I am grateful that I had a chance to participate in this opportunity. Thank you for the wonderful experience.

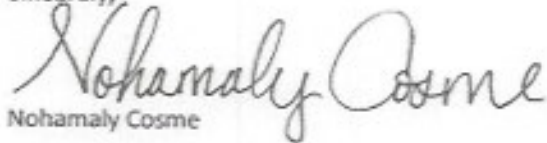
Sincerely,  
Diana Roman

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Dear Mr. Barbera,

The day you announced you were giving each of the Youth of the Year contestants 1,000 dollars towards school even if we lost was one of the greatest days of my entire life. It made the tears roll down my cheeks, and everyone knows I barely cry but your donation touched my heart. I am very excited that I am about to graduate high school, however I am also scared that I am about to walk into the real world. I always question how I will be able to pay for all my college expenses. I am happy that I have \$1,000 dollars to help me out. I went home that night jumping on my mom telling her the good news. My mother was relieved she now has an extra \$1,000 dollars in her pocket. Growing up in a home where we had to budget everything, we see that college is already expensive as it is, and to receive your donation has truly been a blessing not only to me but to my family. Noticing how your action has influenced, makes me want to do the same thing one day when I am financially stable. I want to be able to help someone go to college just like you helped me. Thank you for making my future brighter. Thank you for making me a better person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nohamaly Cosme". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nohamaly Cosme