

Letters from July 2024 President's Report

The money from the HOST Program has helped me a lot by helping me support my family when we are low on food. It also helped me pay for food when I was hungry and drinks when I was thirsty. Also, it helped me pay for stuff I didn't have enough money for. An example is how I got new shoes since my old pair was ripped. And I got some new clothes since I was low on clothes. It also helped me help my friends to pay for the bus and sometimes if they were hungry, I would buy them food since they would always buy me food when I didn't have money. I also bought stuff that I needed for my day to day life like deodorant, hair products, cologne.

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Regarding the use of the funds, I decided it was best to allocate them for both my personal needs and my family's. The money has been invaluable in various aspects of my life. Personally, I used the funds to purchase clothes, pay for outstanding bills and fees, including my prom ticket, graduation fees, and phone bills. Additionally, I have used the money to support my family with groceries. One significant purchase I made was a back brace for my mother. Her back health had been poor, and standing for long periods was challenging. Thanks to the back brace, she can now stand, walk, and dance almost like she used to.

I am eternally grateful for the assistance your program has provided. Your generosity is truly commendable, and you are making a profound impact by paying it forward and supporting the community. As evidenced by my experience, your program has significantly improved my life. I am confident that many others have benefited similarly.

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The HOST program helped me by providing the money for backup needs in case my father ran out of money. I used the money that I gained from the program to buy food and supplies that we needed such as detergent, body wash, shampoo, and toilet paper. The money also helped to pay for expenses like my phone bill as well as my entertainment expenses -- for example, I used the money to go out to the movies with friends and family. Having this extra money made me feel excited and happy that I could do stuff on my own without having to rely on anyone else. It also helped me build towards getting a part-time job in the summer -- I was able to buy stuff I need for the job, like safety equipment and tools. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be involved in this program.

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I wanted to write to you to express my deep gratitude for granting me this scholarship. I would also like to thank you for your trust in me. It is thanks to your encouragement that I was able to achieve my personal goals and needs. Firstly, thanks to this scholarship, I was able to manage my health because I had the means to buy my medicines. Second, this scholarship helped me feed myself by buying groceries every month. Finally, this scholarship saved the life of my mother in Haiti because she was sick, and it was thanks to this money that I was able to transfer money for hospital expenses.