



United Way of Douglas County

Community Partner Success Story:

Boys and Girls Club enables youth to reach their full potential through quality after school programming. These programs target the Education and Self-Sufficiency goals of our community.

Cade, a sixth grader at New York elementary, was never excited at the end of the school day. It was discovered that Cade's dad was not home after school. In fact, no one was home. When his dad was home it was because he chose to consume alcohol instead of going to work. The options of being home alone or in a home that was not always safe offered Cade very little support. He was struggling academically, was rarely able to turn in completed homework, and did not work well with any authority figures. Teachers struggled for an answer and suggested the Boys & Girls Club, but Cade did not agree.

Finally, it was discovered that Cade loved basketball. When asked to join the Boys & Girls Club of New York basketball team he thankfully agreed. He attended the after school program with the condition that he had to finish homework and maintain his grades. During the season his grades improved, he turned in completed homework, and he showed a significant attitude change. After the season ended Cade stayed with Boys & Girls Club and even helped the younger group with different projects. Cade graduated from elementary school with good grades and even better basketball skills. He has offered to come back and work at Boys & Girls Club as junior staff.

A donation of \$1 per week provides a low income family like Cade's with 4 months of quality after school programming.

For more information about the Boys and Girls Club, please call 841-5672.



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