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Dear Supporter,

Corderric Berry is an 18 year old, six feet three inches tall and weighs 290 pounds.

And you guessed it... was an offensive and defensive tackle for the South Delta High School Bulldogs on Friday nights. **On the field** he was known as the **“Stopper”** by his coaches and team members. **Off the field** he is a **gentle giant, a scholar, mentor and tutor** in The Village, Cary Christian Center’s Children’s Ministry. His physical size towers over the small and fragile frames of kindergarteners through 3rd graders. He helps them with their homework and special assignments.

Corderric has been coming to the Center since he was a kindergartener himself! He was among the few students from our community who was chosen to attend the Upward Bound College Preparatory Program at Tugaloo College when he was in the 9th grade. Corderric faithfully attended these weekend and summer classes, refusing the obvious choice to hang out with his friends after a big game on the weekend.

Corderric reflects on his community, “I have seen a lot of poverty. I have seen people on the street with no place to live. Sure I work at the Center. This is my second summer, but it is not about the job, but ministering to the children. Trying to help children get to know Jesus better.

“Pass it on.” That is what Corderric has committed to. “I will make sure when I have a family that my children will know what I know about the Lord, life and being willing to be different.”

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Corderric’s Dad was born and raised up in poverty. He came to the Center as a young boy and
speaks fondly about his experiences and the things he learned. Now he has passed on to his two sons
the positive influence that the Center had on him. Both of Corderric’s parents have instilled in him
a great work ethic. They have jobs in our community where there is very high unemployment. So
Corderric also desires to work and have a job now that he has graduated.

There is real evidence that this poverty cycle has been broken for Corderric is reaching for his dream.
He is planning to attend a community college this fall for welding. Corderric has a passion for welding.
He took a welding class in high school that taught him the trade and he liked it.

It is because of YOU that young men like Corderric, growing up in an impoverished community,
has made wise choices to stay out of trouble, want a job and work faithfully and now go on to college...
reaching for his goal. YOU have been a part of his short journey of life.

**We count on you** to be a part of more “gentle giants” coming through Cary Christian Center!
They may not all be the size of Corderric but we have the opportunity to touch young people’s lives as
they “grow up through this ministry.

Growing God’s giants together!

*Dorsey*

Dorsey Johnson

P.S. We had 140 children enrolled in our Summer
Enrichment Program 2013. Praise God for a safe and God
filled summer, touching and impacting so many lives!
Thank you for your support!