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Jose Viloría
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Dear Mr. Viloría,

Pursuant to our telephone conversation yesterday, I am sending you additional information on the young man I spoke to you about.

Adrian Perez is currently incarcerated at Joseph Harp Correctional Center in Lexington, OK. He was convicted and sentenced to 14 years for his participation in a gang-related drive-by shooting that occurred in 2002 when he was 17 years old.

I have been mentoring Adrian for more than 2 years, and I have seen some amazing changes in him during that time. Since his sentencing and arrival at Joseph Harp in April of 2005, he has worked very hard to take advantage of every opportunity to further his education. In the last 1 ½ years, he has passed the TABE test, preGED, GED and his first college course (Introduction to Business). These courses are offered at Joseph Harp by the distance learning program at Rose State College.

The cost of each course is about \$270 per semester. I paid for the Intro to Business class, and I am willing to continue to pay for 1 class each semester. Adrian would like to take 2 classes next semester, so I am trying to help him find some kind of scholarship to help him meet this cost. His family is very supportive of Adrian and his desire to get a college degree, but they don't have the financial resources to pay for the additional class.

I am asking for your help because I believe that this is a good investment in the future of this young man and the community. For the last year, he has been a resident assistant in his unit. This consists of assisting an emotionally or mentally challenged inmate in several areas, i.e.; sharing a cell, seeing that they take their medications and keep doctor appointments, helping them write letters to their family, etc. This is just one example of the positive changes I have observed in Adrian.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: 557-7446 (work) or 503-3101 (cell).

Thank you for your help,

Arlene Bayne