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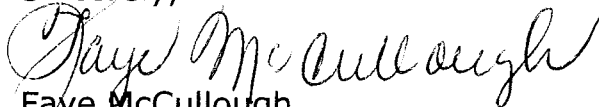
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Last year, the Better Tomorrow staff was willing to come to Washington and work with our students even though we could not guarantee funding would be available. The mentoring they provide makes a difference in the academic performance of students in the classroom, they make a difference in the social skills of the student by encouraging positive interaction, and they challenge each student to grow spiritually.

At the beginning of each semester, they work with high school and middle school students in large and small groups, as well as, individually as needed. Mr. Bennett works with the boys and Ms. Kathy works with the girls. They build meaningful relationships with our students who desperately need positive influences in their lives. They encourage the students to set goals and develop a plan of action, to make good choices and to be responsible. I have seen changes in the lives of the students when they come to believe that they can build a life with a Better Tomorrow. I am grateful for every minute they spend working with our students. It truly takes a village to raise a child and the staff of Better Tomorrow is a vital part of that village.

Sincerely,



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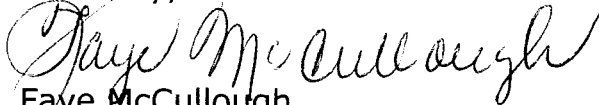
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