

(Note: the following was received by O.A.T.S. from a teen volunteer who participated in the program. To respect the volunteer's privacy, the author's name is being kept private.)

Dear Nancy,

I want to thank you for the job opportunity and letting me volunteer at O.A.T.S. It has really changed my life for the better. Before I began at O.A.T.S. I was getting in trouble in school, with my parents and even the law. You and everybody else has deeply impacted by life. Even the kids have helped me realize how blessed me and my family are. Since I began, I have become more mature, self-respected, more respectful of others, being more responsible and self-confident. I have even been doing better in school and me and my parents have never had a better relationship. When ever I come out to the farm, I don't have to worry about my home life and school. When I see you working with the kids, you are not only helping them, you are helping me too. Thank you sooo much again, I owe O.A.T.S. my life, literally I would still be heading down a path leading to nowhere.