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To whom it may concern,

My name is Dajon Lacey and I'm writing about the 100 Black Men of Charlotte and their good deeds. As the first few weeks went by after my enrollment into the program, I wasn't really sure what to expect out of the 100 Black Men mentoring program. But after going into some of the meetings and on some of our outings, I realized that I wasn't as perfect as I thought. In the beginning I really didn't think I would need a mentor because back in middle school, I was the mentor to the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders who was puzzled about how things go on and what decisions to make. I would always try to help them get a task done and how to react to our, very, eccentric teachers. Basically, I was that cool 8<sup>th</sup> grade dude who knows about everything and what to do in most situations. Therefore, I becoming into a mentee not a mentor might have been one of the hardest things ever done for me.

My mentor Doug Evans and I were similar in many ways and we communicated often from time to time. He also helped me relearn some life lessons that were already bestowed into me from my father such as perseverance and if you want to achieve your goals, you have to put 120% of the effort into them. And if I ever have any ideas or information that I couldn't talk to my parents about I would just go tell him. Because of this mentoring program, it has made many things in life easier.

So if I had to rate this mentoring program out of a 10; it would get a 10 hands down. I can tell from the bond and the real commitment that these mentors have towards us mentees can change one's own life around and I hope that these mentors keep it up. I really haven't had a lot of experience with this program yet but so far, I see that this will be one interesting year for me.

Fellow Mentee,

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