



Vince is 25 and has resided at our Villages of Hope campus since December of 2007.

Real Youth Real Hope

What is one of your biggest dreams?

To live comfortably and to be independent on my own.

Where would you like to see yourself five years from now?

Very successful in a stable job that I like doing.

Is there a quote or philosophy in life that you try to live by?

You only have one life- make the best of it.

What does the word "success" mean to you?

Achieving something you strived to attain- Being happy.

What is your best memory of this past year?

The Life Skills Meetings were the best part of being at VOH. The best Life Skills class was when Mark Haworth taught about how to interview and attain and maintain a job. It was very helpful and a week later, I got a job!

What do you like best about living at Villages of Hope?

It's a great opportunity. It's like nothing I've ever come across or heard of before. It's given me time to save and it's taught me discipline and self-control. A lot of kids don't have the opportunities I have. This place is amazing.

What have you learned while being at Villages of Hope?

It's best to save your money and to put it to good use. I have learned a lot about saving from Dave Ramsey.



Dear Faithful Partner,

Vince is truly a success! As you read his interview answers, I believe you will get a real sense of his hopes and dreams. A recent graduate of our Villages of Hope, Vince understands the life-altering importance of the "safety net" you have provided him at the Villages campus. Without safe, stable, and productive living and learning environments like this, countless former foster and other homeless youth throughout our community never actually reach such an awareness level. Vince gets it! He is focused and desires to live a productive life, filled with goals, independence, and happiness! Thanks so much for helping make it all possible for Vince and many others like him!

Blessings to You!

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"Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge." – Psalm 16:1