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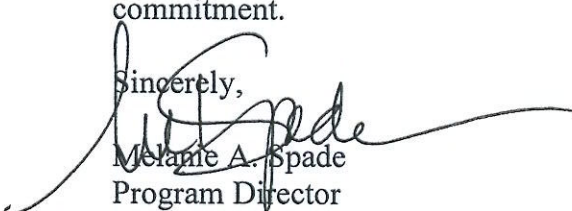
Dear Jeff,

Some of the kids made cards to express our gratitude to you and your staff for the hard work and the inspiration you devoted through the summer mentoring program. Also enclosed is a donation to Shining Light to help support your ministry. Although a small sum, all the money was earned by the kids through a car wash fundraiser and by selling beaded crosses they hand made. I enclosed one of the crosses for you.

I know how challenging this population of juveniles can be to work with. I have always respected your willingness to continue to share your message and to be a part of the lives of our kids; despite the challenges. It amazes me that the young men and women you mentor are so inspired and willing to devote time and attention to the juveniles in our programs. I am very grateful that you have entered the lives of my students. I believe that each time you share your message and spend time with them you make a difference in our lives. We are lucky that you have crossed our paths and to be a part of your mission.

I look forward to seeing everyone in November. And thanks for your support and commitment.

Sincerely,

  
Melanie A. Spade  
Program Director