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### My Belief Statement

I believe that support from family and friends really helps. I get a lot of support from my family; they made me the person I am today. My friends and family really care about me, they get me things I need, and they make sure I am always doing good in school. My mom pushes me to do better, she always tells me to never settle. I think the kids that are on the street not doing anything with their lives don't get the type of support they need from family. They probably don't have anyone to look up to.

When I was in 6th grade, I started playing F.A.A.M. It's a basketball league for kids in middle school, the games are held at Fleetwood-Jourdain and Chute Middle School. My coach's name was Nibra White, and he has a large impact on my life. We grew very close, so close that I spent the night over his house several times. He has a son that is a couple years older than me. Nibra improved my basketball skills a lot, he trained me every chance he got to, throughout my middle school years. Basketball is not the only thing he has helped me with. If he knows I need something, he'll do his best to get it. For example, last fall I needed some more basketball shoes. He noticed I had some old ones, so he asked me if I needed more. He bought some for me the next day. I give him a lot of respect for his great effort.

Another person who has supported me is my granddad. This summer was full of hard early mornings with him. He showed me what it takes to be successful in sports and life. At the beginning of June we started going to work out every day at 4:30 in the morning at LA Fitness. He wanted to start me out early. It was a real struggle doing that every morning, but it was worth it because he taught me something. He taught me that it takes hard work and dedication to get what you want. Nothing comes easy; you have to work for it. It wasn't easy going to LA Fitness every day to work out at 4:30 in the morning. That's not the only thing he has impacted me on either. He's also very nice to me. He makes sure I have a lot of confidence in myself. Every time he sees me, he gives me compliments and he always says he loves me.

My mom helps me academically wise, she's very smart. When she knows I'm slipping in school, she's all on me. I'm very lucky to have her as my mom. I care about her the most, because she's a single parent and works hard to do the things she does for me and my sister. Sometimes she's hard on me, but not too hard. I'm glad that I can joke around with her too, that makes me very close to her, because we can talk about anything. She does a great job raising me.

I don't know what I would do without the family I have now. If I didn't have them, I would probably be very bitter and have a low self-esteem. I probably wouldn't care about my grades either, or anything. I'm very fortunate to have the family I have.