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The Dream of a Family comes true

Dear Dream Maker,

We all have a hero in our lives. Someone we look up to. Someone who inspires us.

Someone that allows us to dream...

At 14, Basir had been in foster care his whole life. When he didn't find the love he needed at home, he found it at school in Mr. Jeff Wynne's history class. Jeff saw Basir was a bright student in need of love. That's why when Basir disappeared from school halfway through 9th grade, he knew something was wrong. He could have fallen through the cracks but not on Mr. Wynne's watch.

Jeff followed up with Basir's caseworker and learned that Basir was at a group home and needed somewhere to live. Three days before Christmas, Basir moved into the Wynne household with Jeff, his wife Charity, also a teacher at Basir's school and a former foster youth herself, and their adopted daughter Emma.

For the Wynne's, Basir was family right when he stepped through the door. This felt like a dream.

“He had the desire to have a loving family. He was a kid who really needed someone to love and care for him.”

Their turning point came surprisingly during a driving lesson with Basir and his foster parents when the teen accidentally backed through the neighbor's fence.

Eyes wide and frozen with fear, Basir got out of the car and without a word, headed straight to his room. Charity, his foster mom, followed close behind.

“I knew what he was going to do. I remembered growing up myself as a foster kid doing the same thing, thinking ‘I can't make a mistake’. ‘I can't mess up.’”

Basir was stuffing all his belongings into a bag, preparing to be told to leave. That's when Charity sat by him and spoke from the heart:

“Do you love us? Well parents love you forever and we are never going to stop loving you.”

Dreams do come true!

Through the rest of high school, the Wynne's encouraged Basir to reach the heights they knew he could. That included tutoring, helping him apply for colleges, and coaching him in baseball. When Basir won Senior Student-Athlete of the year, he gave a speech dedicated to his new family, the loved ones that had been his rock, his heroes, and his champions.

Basir is currently finishing up his first semester at college. Just in time for college move-in day, the Wynne's sealed their forever family by finalizing the adoption.

“We can't imagine life without Basir. And people are missing out. You're missing out on these beautiful relationships you can have.”

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