

To Whom It May Concern:

Raising a young lady in these times are hard. Getting a young lady to understand their value and worth and being different is okay is a struggle. Taking a child from a suburban school system into the inner city posed even more of a struggle. But I am honored to say I am blessed to have had the opportunity of meeting one of my daughter's mentors over 5 years ago. Not knowing what to do or where to turn I was guided and inspired by Ms. LaKesha Lee Lucas.

There are many times in which I was not able to understand the mindset of this generation which caused challenges in my home but LaKesha stepped in and aided my daughter in ways that as her mother I could not grasp and understand. Without LaKesha reaching out to my daughter I fear she would be lost in the world of differences. LaKesha has provided quality time and teachings to not just my daughter but other young girls. When I was the cheerleading team mom LaKesha assisted in helping to the girls understand basic things that as young ladies they needed to be aware of. During school hours she would reach out to the girls just to check on their wellbeing which gave the girls comfort to know they had someone they could talk to and not feel awkward.

I am grateful that over the time we have formed a friendship and can utilize each other when it comes to reaching out and inspiring the youth of our today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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