

It's been many years since we've connected. My twins, B__ and W__, are the subject of your website's *Brothers* story. I wanted to give you an update on their progress.

They have just graduated from their high school International Baccalaureate program with GPAs of 4.0+. W__ will attend Gonzaga University in Spokane and B__ will attend Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Both will major in engineering - most likely mechanical. Between the two of them, they received almost \$500,000 in scholarships. They excelled outside the classroom too. They are Eagle Scouts. They were starters on the high school soccer team that went to the state semi-finals last year. They are involved in their church and have done hundreds of hours of volunteer work.

All the items above are wonderful things. However, what I'm most proud of is that everyone tells me how kind they are, how caring they are, and that they boost their classmates/teammates up. I'm often asked but I don't have an explanation of how they arrived at those skills. I do believe that a big part of it is self-confidence. When you are confident in your abilities, you are generous to those around you. Further, I believe the training they received at Anna's House played a role in this. It's tough to be confident in school when reading is hard and spelling is impossible. Being in that situation taught them compassion. Overcoming that situation taught them perseverance and confidence.

I am very grateful that you were able to unlock their potential and positively influence their lives.