

On Monday, September 21, 2020, 8:19:08 AM EDT, Matias Ramos <matias@pbha.org> wrote:

Hello Daniel,

Thanks for reaching out, and please send my sincere appreciation to the board for supporting one of your scholarship grantees through their participation in our programming.

North's plans to be a summer camp counselor were radically altered when COVID-19 hit... we abandoned our usual plan for an in-person day camp and moved toward an online youth mentorship and development program. This would have been the Cambridge Youth Enrichment Program's 38th consecutive year of summer camp, and even though we couldn't serve in person we are satisfied with how families benefited from our online version. Overall, CYEP served 113 Cambridge youth this summer, the majority of them residing in the city's low-income housing developments. North was assigned to our "oldest boys" classroom, meaning he had to lead 3-4 hours of daily online learning and reflection content for boys aged 12-13. North brought a calm presence to the class and always displayed positive energy. He got to know his campers individually and presented aspects of his own life and upbringing to make them get to know him as well. He also did a lot of joint programming with our "oldest girls" classroom, where he and his fellow counselor led important discussions on social issues and personal development. North was a great team player, using good humor and positive feedback to ensure that our team stayed energized throughout what proved to be a uniquely challenging summer program. I believe he made an impact on the boys he mentored and hope he is able to continue some of those relationships, because I know the boys benefitted from having him as a role model.

Thank you so much for your support this summer, and let me know if there's anything else I can do to help.

Sincerely,

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