



Agency Name: Boys & Girls Club of Western Broome, Inc.

Program Name: Teen Program

Program Success Story:

We have many siblings who attend our programs. Two in particular, a brother and sister, have stood out as we have watched them grow. These two have been attending the Boys & Girls Club since they were in early elementary school. We have been here for them through good times in their lives and rough times at home as well.

The sister, who is older, was always more outgoing. The brother was more reserved at first. The sister had a tendency to act or speak before she thought about the consequences of her words or actions. This often got her into trouble, maybe not with staff, but with her friends. Over the years she learned to think first as our staff guided her through her troubles with friends.

The brother struggled a lot for a time when there were issues going on at home. But he developed relationships with staff that helped him cope and deal with the stress of that situation. The brother also learned skills that he was able to share with the younger kids after he became one of the big kids.

The sister became a volunteer for the program as soon as she became a teen at the club. The brother has continued to come to the club as a teen, as well, and continuously sets a good example and standard for other teens. Supporting these two siblings as they have gone through difficult times at home and being a constant for them through their grade school and now their teen years defines what our purpose is as an organization.

It is not necessarily the big things we do, it is all the little things that we do to support not only the youth that come but also their families as whole units as much as we can. It is the little things that create change in the lives of the youth we serve and our consistency that they depend on. That is what defines our success.