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Dear ARISE Foundation,

I am pleased to report that our incorporation of the ARISE Big Kids Book of Life Lessons, and ARISE Work In Progress: Anger Management, curricula has been a success with our at-risk youth in North Portland, OR.

A little bit about The Salvation Army in North Portland. Our location strives to provide a safe, fun, and positive place for low-income youth, foster kids referred to our programs, and local families. ARISE is adapted into a one-hour lesson each day for age-appropriate groups, and is part of The Salvation Army P.A.S.S Day Camp. P.A.S.S stands for Purpose, Athletics, Scholastics, and Service and embodies our fundamental values as we reach, teach, and equip youth and their parents for life's challenges. The youth are in groups based on their developmental level and age, and participate in the following activities: organized basketball, field games, fitness & nutrition, ARISE, vacation bible school, gardening & Troop programs, music, teen youth group, and Sunday school material. This program runs for one month, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM with breakfast and lunch provided.

The ARISE curriculum has done an outstanding job of challenging each child on a personal level and as a team, and creates a dialogue for some of life's most difficult issues. In the short time since introducing them to ARISE, we have seen laughter and tears, kids go from being closed, shy, and introverted, to being able to share their concerns and experiences with new friends.

Consider this a personal thank you as well as a testimonial that the curriculum ARISE Foundation produces can make a positive impact in the lives of at-risk youth. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sincerely,
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