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A Brothers Girl, A Father’s Dream...

Dear Friend;

My name is Alejandra and, thanks to you, I am a Brothers Girl.

I have a big family. I am the fifth of six children and I was born on my dad’s birthday. When I was eight years old, he died of pancreatic cancer. You cannot imagine what a hard time that was for my whole family.

My dad was a professor of education at Sacramento State and my mom was a teacher at Loretto High School. Education was very important to both of my parents and **it was my dad’s dream that all his kids would attend a Catholic high school.**

My dad’s dream of a Catholic education for each of us became my dream of going to Christian Brothers. If you have ever been to Open House at CB, you know how exciting it is. From the minute I walked on campus and the CB students were so happy and welcoming, I knew it was the place for me. But we didn’t have the money.

After my dad died, things seemed to keep getting worse. Loretto High School closed, so my mom lost her job. With the bad economy, she had trouble finding a permanent teaching position. She works two or three part time jobs just to keep things going. This year, we had to sell our family home and move.

There was just no way my mom could afford for me to go CB. For a while, my dream seemed to get further and further away.

But then, because of donors like you, I was given a scholarship and that changed everything. It made it possible for me to come to CB. I am so grateful for the gift you have given me.

My mom says she is happy that I am at a school with families who share our values, where I am safe and someone is always looking out for me. **What I know is that every day I get to come to Christian Brothers, I am happy.**

PLAYS:

Varsity Lacrosse

HAS:

5 siblings, 2 dogs, 2 cats, & a turtle

FAVORITE TEACHER:

Mr. McGovern ‘74

TUTORS:

after school at St. Patrick Academy

COOKS:

breakfast weekly for Wellspring Women’s Center

COLLEGE PLAN:

St. Mary’s College

HOPES TO:

own a bakery

ATTENDS CB:

because of you.



If you had known me in elementary and middle school, you wouldn't recognize me today. I didn't speak much and I didn't have many friends. At CB, I have come out of my shell and have lots of friends. The kids are all nice and I am comfortable just being me. My mom loves that even though we might live in a smaller house now, it is full of friends.

I wish you could meet my teachers and see how great they are! Mr. McGovern is my favorite, but I know I matter to all of them. They are there for me if I need anything. It really is a family.

I am so thankful to you and all the generous people who donate to CB's scholarship fund. I really wouldn't be here without you. I wouldn't be in the Four-Year Art Program, I wouldn't be playing varsity lacrosse with Coach Flaherty, I wouldn't have volunteered at Wellspring Women's Center, I wouldn't tutor at St. Patrick Academy, I wouldn't have my great friends that I have now and I wouldn't be achieving my dad's dream for me of a Catholic education.

All of these blessings in my life are only possible because of generous people like you.

When you make a gift to CB's scholarship fund, you are helping kids just like me. You are making a big difference in someone's life. **Someday, when I am older and I am a CB graduate like you, I will give back and make a difference, just like you are doing now.**

Thank you so much!

Alejandra

Alejandra '15

