

Mrs. Yolanda has been a profound and positive influence in my life since the age of twelve, providing unwavering support, love, and mentorship. She treated me as her own child, offering assistance during significant milestones such as graduation and prom, and ensuring I felt included and valued. Yolanda's caring nature and guidance have left a lasting impact, leading me to regard her as a second mother. Mrs. Yolanda is the most considerate, caring, and loving woman outside the women in my family. She entered my life at a crucial time when I needed a role model. Yolanda's influence began when I was twelve years old, and she has been a transformative presence ever since. She treated me like one of her own children from the very first day I met her, providing emotional support during times of loneliness and financial assistance during important events like middle school graduation and prom. Yolanda made sure I felt special and included, even taking me shopping for a dress and shoes, and doing their makeup and hair when my own mother couldn't afford it. She provided a sense of belonging and validation, preventing me from seeking it in the wrong places. Yolanda's home became a second home for me, and she continued to include me in family activities, travel, and new experiences. She even bought me my first cell phone when I reached high school. Yolanda's mentorship has been a blessing; I will forever be grateful for her presence and support. She made such an impact on my life that she will always be part of my family and knowing the love she has for me I will always be part of hers. Any child/teenager that is placed in her care or program will certainly benefit them positively in so many ways.

-Cheyanne McCormick