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Dear {Name},

Your generosity has a real and immediate impact on the futures of the young people we serve. Your support is reflected in the voices and accomplishments of the youth moving forward through our programs. As Delaney shared, ***"I'm proud to be a part of YBLC's story because my success is showing others they can succeed as well."*** That spirit, lifting others as you rise, is at the heart of what you make possible.

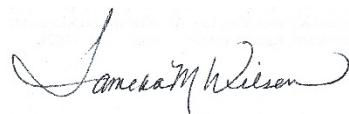
**This season has been especially meaningful as we celebrated a major milestone on November 21 with the ribbon cutting for our new home.** That moment honored the collective effort that brought us here and affirmed the belief that a supportive community can change lives.

As we settle into this space, your partnership ensures that the programs inside remain strong, accessible, and responsive to the needs of our students. ***Between November 25 and December 16, every gift, whether new or increased, will be matched dollar for dollar through a special matching grant.*** Your contribution goes twice as far in supporting education, job training, and the stability young people count on.

With public funding uncertain, community support like yours remains essential. You help keep doors open, maintain critical services, and create the opportunities that young people need to move forward with purpose.

As we look ahead, I want to close with Delaney's words: ***"Thank you to YBLC supporters because it gives people another chance at a different opportunity in life. If they don't know what the next step is, YouthBuild is your next step."*** Because of you, those next steps turn into real opportunities.

With heartfelt gratitude,



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WE ASKED SOME OF YBLC'S NEWEST PARTICIPANTS  
WHAT THEY'RE GRATEFUL FOR THIS YEAR.

**HERE'S WHAT THEY SHARED.**



**Micahya:**  
"I'm grateful  
for this  
program!!!!"

**Stephan:**  
"I'm grateful  
for making  
it into  
YouthBuild"

**Meliaka:**  
"I'm grateful  
for all the useful  
lessons we are  
learning"



**YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES THESE OPPORTUNITIES POSSIBLE.**

Scan to support YouthBuild Lake County's Annual Appeal  
and ensure every young person has access to the education,  
training, and guidance they're grateful for this year.