

HOMETOWN HERO:

Marecus Reed & Chiquita Jones-Reed

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Marecus and Chiquita Reed have gone above and beyond my initial request of being in my son’s life. My son Torrell Tanner is 17 years old and is diagnosed with Autism, PDD, ADHD, and speech delay. The Reed family has completely meshed my son and their family together. The Reed family contacts Torrell on a daily basis to simply see how his day is going, although Torrell’s speech is not as advanced as most. This completely brightens Torrell’s day.

The Reed family has never let Torrell down when it comes to contacting him. When the Reeds have family outings, they invite Torrell as one of their own children. They’ve shown my son the love and respect that we, his parents show him. Every other weekend the Reeds are at my home ready to take Torrell to get a haircut, go bowling, swimming, or to Torrell’s favorite stores to shop for video games and movies. They seldom accept money from me or my husband for my son’s outings. The love that they’ve surrounded him with and instill in my son emanates in Torrell’s behavior. When Torrell has bad days at school there is little that my husband and I can do to console him. Mr. Reed has taken the stand as Torrell’s mentor, counselor, and role model. The Reeds are efficient and extremely competent people who have an excellent rapport with our son. Their verbal communication skills are excellent. In summary, I highly recommend the Reeds for this award. They are a valuable asset to our son and family.

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