

AMERICA'S HEROES

Teen Turns Circumstances To His Advantage

(NAPSA)—For people who believe there aren't enough heroes, finding one may simply be a matter of looking within one's own community.

Take Joseph Hall, who faced many challenges growing up in a physically and emotionally abusive household in Panama City, FL. He is a shining example of a spirit that endured despite disadvantaged circumstances—in Hall's case, poverty and the sadness of a broken home.

He persevered and turned his misfortune to accomplishment, raising money for himself and his younger brothers to go to school. In his time of uncertainty, Hall turned to his local Boys & Girls Club and participated in the TEENSUPREME® Keystone Club, sponsored by the Taco Bell Foundation.

Today, Hall is a freshman at Florida State University, where his determination and positive attitude have placed him in an exceptional position in his academic studies and sports.

"I am determined to succeed in life and give back to the community that helped me in my time of need," said Hall, a 13-year member of the Boys & Girls Club of Panama City, now serving on the Keystone Club junior staff.

His commitment to scholastic excellence, Club and community service earned Hall the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's top honor of National Youth of the Year. He now serves as the voice for some 3.3 million young people, primarily from disadvan-



When a community helps out, many young people desire a chance to give something back.

tagged circumstances, served by Clubs around the world.

"Joseph is a prime example of the youth that the TEENSUPREME Keystone program aims to support," said Hillary Niblo, executive director of the Taco Bell Foundation. TEENSUPREME encompasses several programs that focus on personal, educational and career development for teens.

"Over the past six years, the Taco Bell Foundation has raised almost \$10 million to support TEENSUPREME," said Kelvin Davis, senior director, Character & Leadership Development, for Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

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