

My name is Rebecca Santana. I am William Frazee's grandmother.

William is 17 years old. He has had a rough going in life so far. His parents are only biological because as far as being a parent - neither one qualifies. He was 3 years old when the parents split up. His mother (my daughter) had custody of him. She went on to have two more children. She also continued to be involved with abusive relationships and drugs. When William was 7 years old, childress services stepped in and removed the three boys from her. At that time, Williams father stepped up and received custody of William. I was able to

become the two younger boys
foster parent and eventually
I legally adopted them.

William lived with his father,
his father's girlfriend (now wife)
and they had two additional
children. He lived with them
for not quite 2 years when his
father's girlfriend insisted she did
not like him and did not want
him in their lives. After all this
I learned where she had been
very emotionally abusing him - and
even though I had him with
me and the boys most weekends
he never told me what had been
going on. They then sent him
to live with his father's brother -
they treated him well but they
were younger and had no

children of their own - so they decided they could not keep him.

My oldest daughter then stepped up and had William come live with her, her husband and three children. This was the 1st time William was in a stable environment. William lived with his Aunt until June of last year. Conflicts within the family and he no longer wanted to stay there (Teen growing pains)

So this past year has been rocky for him. He stayed with his mom for a short time but she was still living her wild lifestyle and he does not like that and

He wanted to stay in H. Phoenix District - so he stood

with friends in about 3 different places. Unfortunately I am not in a situation where I can provide housing for him. My two boys stay with their aunt while I am now taking care of my mother who has dementia. So I am back and forth between both places. He is now staying in an apartment with 2 friends. I am helping him with rent, phone & food.

When he left staying at his mother's last year he was already behind in school. I got him going back to school - but I think he was so far behind he just gave up! And he was unable to participate in football and wrestling - which only

made it worse.

We now have him in Connections Academy and are hoping to get him back on track to graduate.

Sports is very important to him and if he is unable to play — I think it will send him into another tailspin!

He is a good kid — his goal is to join the Army after graduation.

I hope he is given the chance to participate in sports this year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 541-621-2627.

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