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Although I'm not very familiar with Chris I fully support his hardship appeal to be able to play baseball here at Putnam. Chris will be a non-impact JVII player but I believe being a part of the baseball program could help Chris during tough times and a tough transition.

Chris previously lived with his mom in the Cleveland High School area. I have heard consistent stories that his mom was an alcoholic with major issues with anger that she would take out on her children. Due to her physical and emotional abuse the state of Oregon now has legal custody of Chris. He is living in our area with his Aunt who is now his foster mom. I believe this is a good move for Chris and is in his best interest but it made him an ineligible transfer. However, I believe it is situations like these that we have the hardship appeal process in place. I also believe that being apart of something positive, like our baseball program, would help Chris in many ways.

Thank you for your time and consideration with this appeal.

Sincerely,

Jesse Eveland
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February 24, 2016

Jesse Eveland
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Dear Mr Eveland,

I am writing you to request that my nephew, Christopher Morrison (Chris), be allowed to try out and play baseball this spring 2016 season. Chris just recently transferred to Rex Putnam after coming into my husband and I's care as a foster child on December 22nd, 2015. Currently, the state of Oregon has legal custody of Chris and his sister while his step-brother was removed and is now in the custody of his mother. My husband and I are Chris's relative foster parents, we have physical custody and limited authority for him. Chris's mother has admitted in court that her alcohol abuse and anger problems make her unable to safely parent her children. Chris has had to live in a neglectful and abusive environment that was unhealthy to his physical, emotional, and social development. When Chris stood up to his mother in November 2015 she became physically abusive to him, then kicked him out, and has made no attempts to contact or retain her parental rights for him. Now that Chris is in our care we hope to give him the guidance and support he needs to be successful in his education and personal development.

I believe that Chris will benefit greatly from being involved in baseball. Chris has not played in any high school or Jr. high sports and most of his extra time is spent playing video games or on a computer. The recent trauma in Chris's life has caused him trouble sleeping and emotional stress. Baseball is something Chris is excited about doing that gives him the physical activity he needs to relieve his stress. Chris has already started sleeping better after he started going after school to baseball conditioning. Being part of a team will help Chris form meaningful friendships, increase his self-esteem, and involve him in the school environment.

Chris wants to remain in our home throughout his high school career and my husband and I plan to have him as one of our own for as long as he needs us. Chris's long-term goals are to graduate from Rex Putnam High School with his class and to attend college or a trade school to continue his education. Chris also plans to get a job this coming summer to purchase the parts to build his own computer.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,



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February 24, 2016

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Dear Mr Eveland,

I am writing you to request that I, Christopher Morrison, be allowed to try out and play baseball this spring 2016. I came to live with my aunt and uncle in December 2015 because my mom is an alcoholic and also has anger problems. My mom robbed me and my sister of a good childhood by neglecting us and being physically and mentally abusive to us. When I stood up to my mom in November 2015 she was very violent to me. My mom repeatedly pushed me and cursed at me, then after all of that, she kicked me out of the house.

I have always wanted to be able to play baseball and have been working hard on my conditioning to get ready to try out for the team. I believe that playing baseball will help me become more social at school. Baseball is also a motivation for me to get good grades and it will help me release stress and sleep better at night.

I want to remain in my aunt and uncles' house for the remainder of my high school career so that I won't have to continue to move from place to place. I don't want to have to keep making new friends or start from scratch to get to know the vibe of another new school, I can just be in the school that makes me want to strive. I am happy at Rex Putnam and I am committed to graduating here with my class. I am considering going to college or into a trade after High school.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Morrison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Morrison