

"beginnings"

Mr. Peter Sklar  
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Dear Mr. Sklar;

This letter is to thank you once again for the positive influence that you have had in our daughter, Amber McMeans' life.

We are looking forward to her coming to your "beginnings" workshop for the fourth time this summer.

When you first started working with Amber, she was struggling with shyness and needed to grow in self-confidence. However, your workshops and hand-selected staff members have helped her to have many positive experiences, gain knowledge, have more self-confidence, and better self-esteem. (Just making the trip to New York and back has enabled her to have positive feelings about her capabilities.) Your careful planning, safety measures, and regulations have set her up over and over to succeed! How very deeply my husband and I appreciate all that you have personally done for our teenager.

About six months ago, she landed the lead in the "Wizard of Oz. Our "Dorothy" carried herself most well; she had about 100 speaking lines, many solo, duet, quartet singing roles. This was her own personal goal and worked very hard to obtain it.

As of this week, Amber has a wonderful situation. She has conducted herself well in recent auditions, and has, therefore, managed to land 2 leading roles in both our local community children's theater, Tyler Children's School of Performing Arts, and her school theatrical production of, "Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

Amber is involved in Theater I at school, and feels that she may pursue "Performing Arts" or "Drama Teaching" as her career choice. She currently is making all "A's" in her other subjects, and is active in school sports. She's learning to make new friends, and is looking forward to being on the "A" school cast with juniors and seniors. She feels this is quite a vote of confidence from her drama teacher at school, since she is only a freshman.

We give thanks to our dear Lord above for a happy, healthy, growing daughter who is not afraid to try new things and learn to grow through meaningful experiences.

We realize that many people, including parents, family, teachers, clergy, etc. help to shape, influence, and inspire a young life. Thank you again, Peter and staff members of "beginnings" for caring and making a difference.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. McMeans