

Letter from an employer:

Hi Debbie-

I wanted to share some feedback with you regarding the students of yours that we've interviewed. We have been so impressed with them overall. They are extremely prepared for their interviews and really demonstrate a desire to work here and in the industry in general. In many ways they are head and shoulders above many of our other applicants.! Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to meet with these individuals, and for what you and your program do overall. I'll send you some final data on who we end up hiring, but would love to continue to partner with you in the future.

All the Best,

Kim (BioFire)

Letter from a parent of a participant:

Dear Ms. Aguirre,

My name is Geanie Roake, and my daughter Josie recently graduated from the "Invest in Me Too" program. I just wanted to thank you and others who were involved in creating this program, and tell you how valuable it's been.

To be brief, Josie, a single Mother who is getting no support from the baby's father, was very depressed about her situation and had no idea how to move ahead or become independent. Thankfully her councilor was familiar with "Invest in Me Too", and suggested Josie apply. She was accepted, and is now looking forward to starting a great job with a future.

More importantly, I want to tell you what I've witnessed since Josie joined the program. To begin with she had little confidence in herself, her ability to learn or succeed at anything that required a lot of effort. As soon as classes began, I started to see changes.

Just having a reason to get up in the morning and an important place to go every day made a huge difference. It was exactly what she needed. Thanks to the hours of positive reinforcement, educational classes and examples of others who have risen above their circumstances, Josie now knows she is capable, smart, and not alone in her difficult situation - others just like her have succeeded.

In conclusion, this program is priceless. It changes lives, and I hope it continues to bless many others.

Thank you,

Geanie and Josie Roake