

Meet Tamara, a single parent who moved to Fayetteville with a big dream of completing her doctoral degree. "As a single parent, I felt that a bachelor's degree was not sufficient in order to give my son and me the best life possible."

When she began her doctoral studies in 2009, her son was just old enough to attend the Club and to participate in after school care at one of the Club's School Kids Connection (SKC) locations. Along with after school care, he was also able to play basketball and football and attended summer and holiday camps thanks to the Club's many scholarship opportunities.

The peace of mind that came with her son attending the Club allowed her to focus on her studies while her son was at the Boys & Girls Club learning to cook, doing pottery, climbing the rock wall, swimming, going on field trips and enjoying all the other activities and programs offered at the Club. "The Boys & Girls Club is a very safe place with a community of good people who cared about my son and helped him grow in so many ways. I owe a lot of my success to the Boys & Girls Club. They were always there standing behind me and my son and cheering us on."

Tamara has completed her doctoral degree and accepted a full time job in another part of the state. "Leaving will be bittersweet...the Boys & Girls Club of Fayetteville was a wonderful blessing at a time when we needed help the most," stated Tamara when discussing the move.