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My Forever Change

I found myself contemplating about what I was to do with my life, an escape was truly needed. Houghton Lake High School was a thing of my past, homeschooling was my getaway. Even doing that I lacked a work ethic which led to long boring days, and hanging with the wrong kind of people, trouble ended up finding me. With so much on my mind I decided to make a change for the good, to get all my ducks in a row some would say. An opportunity arrived, a buddy's mom had a friend that was a part of Charlton Heston Academy, this man being Dave Patterson, our superintendent. With a few phone calls and forms filed, sure enough I found myself sitting in a classroom.

I loved it, every single aspect was enlightening. To see people's faces, to interact with the teachers and other students there, it felt amazing, unexplainable more or less. Warm hearts and open hands were the only thing I ever saw and have seen to this day. Charlton Heston Academy or CHA as we, the students, like to call it, works wonderfully with the children. It's not like you sit down and the teacher hands you your work and says "here's your work do it", CHA has a full staff of understanding workers and teachers who offer a more 1 on 1 teaching opportunity. This is precisely what kids need individuality, every single person on this earth has a different learning process, and CHA unlocks this capability in even kids who have refused to learn elsewhere.

CHA is a resort to me, not in the sense of a vacation but more of a way to capture opportunities. I've always wanted to play football, and within the first couple months of me being here I was on the football team, with a smile bigger than no other. They helped me reach a personal goal I've always wanted and I could never thank them enough for it. With high expectations for myself, I set my own path to become an anesthesiologist. CHA offers the perfect schooling options for me to reach that goal, as if it were as simple as turning on a light switch. College trips have been taken to go out and actually explore a university and see their options hands on, which has helped me find the right college so far that I plan to attend to. Another helping hand from CHA is that they offer college courses to be taken in sequence with your regular schedule. This helping all students be college ready when the day comes to graduate.

Charlton Heston Academy is everything to me, without it I would more than likely be just another high school dropout. That's precisely what I don't want to happen, CHA offers alternatives. They have bettered me, not changed but bettered, a new Brogen 2.0. CHA has molded me into the amazing person I am today, I not only want to see myself succeed, now I'm pushing others around me to be the best that they can be in order to help them as a greater good. I will continue to grow as a person, and use CHA to my full advantage to secure my future and live life to the fullest.