

Dear Mr. Aldrich,

Thank you very much for providing me with such an amazing opportunity. Grab the Torch has given me so much that will help me throughout my life. You showed me that hard work really does pay off. Before coming to this camp I knew very little about philanthropy but with the courses with Luana Nissan and hearing many philanthropists tell their stories, I have been inspired to give back to all the people that helped me along the way. I hope to repay you, Charlotte Beyer and my Westover scholarship Donor, for all the help each one of you has given me. Throughout the week, listening to everyone's clear plans for their futures intimidated me because I have never really known what I would like to do with my future. I've always had a few ideas in the back of my head but I always thought that they were too big and that I would never accomplish them. This week has taught me that I can dream big and if I work hard enough I can achieve my goals. I really enjoyed the session with Eric Pasinski he taught how important it is to have goals. Another thing you taught me about achieving my goals is that it is much easier with the help of other people. You opened my eyes to the fact that people really do want to help me in any way that they can. Before coming to Grab the Torch, I was too afraid to even introduce myself to adults let alone having a full conversation with one. You taught me that the connections you make with other people could immensely help you in the future. And you showed us that by introducing us to all of the wonderful people that you have met. All it takes is a simple hello and you have given me the confidence to do so which can open big doors for me. Surprisingly I can't wait to go back to school this year. I'm excited to share all of my experiences at Grab the Torch with my classmates. I'm planning to use all of the things I learned about leadership as I start my year as a spirit leader. I hope to return to Grab the Torch in the

future if I am welcome. I would love to experience Grab the torch in another location like Colorado to see for myself its beauty and to learn even more from the program and all that it has to offer me. You have inspired me to go out in the world and make a change and I cannot thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Chloe