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A LOOK INSIDE OUR CLUB

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DESTINY’S TALENT PUTS OUR CLUB ON STAGE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
MEET BRANDY & BRAYLON
Brandy, age 5, and Braylon, age 9, have attended Our Club, Our House's out-of-school-time youth program, since August when they moved to Our House. Both of them were very confident in who they are - “I love myself and take care of myself and my mama and help my mama and that's the best thing about me,” says Brandy. In order to help them keep that confidence through a time of transition, we encouraged Brandy and Braylon in activities at Our Club including coding, acting, and Braylon's favorite part of Our Club, “when we get to experiment and make up our own stuff.” While both Brandy and Braylon are enjoying Our Club, playing football, learning multiplication facts, and doing science experiments, they are also thinking about their future...
Mindy Huberty earned a degree in Family Studies from Abilene Christian University and has previously worked in a non-profit for women and children in Texas. She also served as a national service member at Our House before becoming a staff member. She chose to pursue a career at Our House in order to be a part of something that would both challenge her and make a difference in the lives of others. She hopes that the youth she works with will remember what she teaches them and strive to make a difference in the lives of their peers as well.

“Youth like Brandy and Braylon are why I come to work every day. Seeing them thrive in a stable environment, where they receive homework help and participate in enriching activities brings joy to my heart. Brandy and Braylon represent the 205 youth we served last year who have found a place where they can enjoy childhood and explore their interests in a safe and supportive environment.”
Every Thursday Ms. Shamelle with Destiny’s Talent gives Our Club’s 3rd-5th graders a chance to rehearse a play of their design. It is a great way for us to engage our youth in Performing Arts and Project Based Learning. In December they will perform the play, entitled "I Just Am" in front of friends and family to show off their hard work. We appreciate the work Ms. Shamelle has put in to teaching and guiding our youth, including Braylon, who is playing the role of Bryan in Act I and Group of Boys in Act II, through this process.
When Brandy and Braylon began attending Our Club, they were in transition – moving, starting a new school, and making new friends. With the help of the Our Club Team, they now receive daily homework help, participate in Project Based Learning, and are learning how to cope with their feelings - “At first I used to get mad and stuff, but that doesn’t happen any more,” says Braylon. Brandy and Braylon have also been reunited with their older brother Brandon, and now live together with their mom and younger sister, Porter, at Our House. They are thinking about their future now, and have some goals for their family in five years. Brandy wants “my mama to get a house,” while Braylon wants “my family to be doing good things, being good to each other.”

Our Club is helping Brayan, Brandy, and over 90 other youth with not only their schoolwork, but also with the activities they are passionate about to prepare them to achieve their future dreams. Last school year, Our Club helped 82% of youth improve or maintain their math or literacy grades.
We are so grateful to Nina Scaife, Student Services Coordinator/Homeless Liaison for the Little Rock School District. With her help, homeless children like Brandy and Braylon are able to stay in their school of origin, ensuring less disruption in their lives so they can succeed in school. Thank you Nina for your continuous support of Our House and our families, including Braylon, Brandy, and Brandon!