



Holiday 2011

When Dreams Emerge, Communities Arise!

Dear Friend of Dreaming Out Loud,

I would like to tell you a story. In 2008, Dreaming Out Loud, Inc. began with a passion to empower youth to improve themselves and make a difference in their communities. No one can solve a local issue like a motivated young person, empowered with the know-how to impact their world and tell their story.

I can't think of a better person who exemplifies this more than Darryl. We first met Darryl as a rising senior during interviews for our summer program. Darryl was an avid participant on the media team during that summer, learning to tell his story through media training while helping improve the environment in Washington, DC.

Darryl is a young man who isn't afraid to "dream out loud." He wants to become a neurosurgeon and took big steps towards his goal with Dreaming Out Loud. With us, he was empowered through exposure to science and math in community-centered environmental projects; developing leadership skills and strong character; expressing himself through art; and meeting professionals that can help him further his goals.

This summer his hard work and courage paid off in an extraordinary achievement as a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship Award from Georgetown University. **This award grants Darryl a full scholarship to Georgetown University for all four years.**

With your donation, Dreaming Out Loud can continue our youth development through Aya Community Markets, the farmers market and holistic health experience, launched this summer. Through Aya Community Markets, we will employ youth as they develop job skills by learning to run the farmers market, positively impacting community health along the way by bringing greater access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Our youth will also be growing healthy food in community gardens that they will then bring to the market for sale in this innovative social enterprise.

This is a critical time for your support! As we speak, youth unemployment in the District of Columbia hovers at an unspeakable 56% and nearly 50% of youth do not graduate from high school. Together we can turn both of these statistics around and come back to tell you more stories like Darryl's.

[Donate Now](#) to help another young person's dreams emerge!

Warmest Regards,

Christopher Bradshaw
Executive Director

Darryl
Freshman, Georgetown University

