

January 2, 2017

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

My name is Terri Lynn Corley and my son, Samuel Wade Corley, has been a member of Boy Scout Troop 312 of the Indian Waters Council in Irmo, South Carolina for 3 years. He began scouting at the age of 6 and has been very active in campouts, high adventure camps, and earning 29 merit badges. His favorite experience was participating in a sailing trip to the Florida Keys through BSA Florida Sea Base. During these years, he completed the necessary requirements and advanced through the ranks quickly with the help of the leaders and his Dad! Just this week, he advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout after going before the Board of Review.

To advance to this rank, Sam first identified a need, which was a sidewalk prone to flooding at a local elementary school within our district in Irmo, South Carolina. Then, he met with the school's principal, the district's plumbers, and a Civil Engineer to determine a solution. Finally, Sam priced out the job, assembled volunteers, and coordinated with the school to install a channel drain adjacent to sidewalk. He and the volunteers dug a trench 80 feet in length, installed the drain and filled a 1 inch gap with concrete to secure the drain. They also dug a second trench 35 feet long that connected to the channel drain, so the water could be redirected to a storm drain. My son's project was successfully completed in September with the help of more than 35 Scouts and leaders from Troop 312 who put in a total of 245 hours.

In February, we will celebrate this accomplishment at a Court of Honor. Would you please be so kind as to send this worthy Eagle Scout a letter of congratulations, along with any other items you wish to be presented to him during his Court of Honor? We will see that it is presented to Sam as a permanent reminder of the importance of his achievement. I am sure that Sam will be proud to receive an acknowledgement from you. In order that we might compile all of his recognition letters/certificates/items into a special presentation album, we would appreciate it if you would send your correspondence to:

Terri Lynn Corley
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Sam has learned much about loyalty, being prepared, leaving things better than they were, and working together as a team. Scouting has also affirmed his love for God and his country! Eventually he would like to continue to serve others in the United States Coast Guard. We are so very proud of him and look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for helping make this occasion a special one!

Sincerely,

Terri Lynn Corley

