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# Thank You!

## You've Just Changed Lives.



This is Odalys. While growing up Odalys felt alone and unwanted. Her mother was involved with drugs and drank at night and her father had moved to Mexico because of gang involvement. Odalys remembers the many nights she had to take care of her younger sister because her mother had left to do drugs and party. One night, Odalys had enough and called her grandfather in Half Moon Bay to come get her.

While living with her grandfather, Odalys began hanging around with the wrong people. She did not care about school and believed she did not have a good future. She also came to dislike law enforcement.

That all started to change 3 years ago when Odalys met Deputy Shawn Chase who encouraged her to do better. She did not trust him at first. Shawn continued to encourage her and talked her into joining the Sheriff's Activities League Empowering Young Women's Program along with a lot of her friends. **"It was one of the best decisions I have made. I have learned how to be a leader and give to others. I also learned that life is about choices, if I make good choices I will have a good life."** Last year Odalys was able to travel with the group to Washington DC and to the Teen Leadership Conference in Anaheim. **"Both experiences were life changing; I have learned how big the world is and how many opportunities are available for me."**

Odalys has become a leader and her grades are the best they have ever been. She is planning to attend college and has already received scholarships from multiple parties.

**Please know that 100% of your gift has helped Odalys and continues to help others like her.**

# *Building the Bond Between Deputies and Youth*

As we prepare to turn the page to a New Year, we send you and your family our very best wishes and thank you for all that you do to help us strengthen our communities.

Your generous support to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League in the past year, has helped us serve over 11,000 youth and their families through mentoring, tutoring, sports, healthy lifestyle programs and workshops, literacy and teen empowerment.

We could not have done it without your support. We look forward to continuing our work together in the New Year.

Best Wishes to you and your family.

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