
MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: EVELYN

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Evelyn, a.k.a. “Essie” is currently a 14 year old freshman at Chaska High School. She heard about our program through her school counselor.



Essie worked at Gale Woods Farm (part of 3 Rivers Park District) during the summer of 2012, and was recognized by her supervisor as a leader and role model to the other youth employed there. She did planting and harvesting of vegetables and weeded gardens. Her favorite part of the job was getting to spend some time with the sheep dogs on the farm although she did admit this was not part of her job duties. She said her least favorite part of the job was getting up so early and having to ride the bus 40 minutes to an hour to get to

work. Essie’s supervisor Melissa said: “She is enthusiastic and cooperative and almost always positive.” She said Essie was quiet at first, but gained confidence over the summer and became a good leader.

Essie said she enjoyed her job at Gale Woods, and learned a lot about responsibility. She said she learned to take full responsibility for one’s actions and that one can get a bad reputation if one misses work. You definitely need to be committed to your job. She said she saved the money she earned over the summer to go to college. Essie has a few years of high school left, but she is also currently working part-time at McDonalds to save more money for college. She said her goal in the future is to be a pediatrician and travel around the world helping kids get the medical care that they need.

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