

"Reading Legacies" by Karina [REDACTED]

I want to take this time and thank these women for taking time out of their everyday lives to come here and do this for us. I want to thank the captain and anyone else for giving us this opportunity also to have this program. My experience with "Reading Legacies" has been amazing, life changing, and a true blessing. I can only speak for myself right now due to my lengthy ^{sentence}. You have no idea how good it feels to call home and have my son tell me "Mommy I'm watching your video" and it's beautiful. I am he should be getting ready for school right? Lol anything I can do to put a smile on my sons face I'll do. This Program has done that for me. "Reading Legacies" has not only brought joy to my son but brought peace to my heart.

Some of us women here don't have custody of their kids so they have to go through their social work to send these videos. But you know what that says for them as a "Mother" COMMITMENT, determination consistent to want to be back in there child or child's lives and that's all that should matter. This Program gives us mothers a second chance, that extra foot in the door, however you want to put it. That says change is possible.

"Reading Legacies" has also taught us to be more "Fun-loving" We learned the art of reading a book! It's no fun if you just read the words out the book in basic text. You have to bring the book to life be more animated with it use voice

expressions to build character to your book that's what Reading Legacies is all about.

Reading Legacies has not only brought me closer to my son but has even brought my family together! Every time a new video and book gets sent to the house my mom calls my Grandmother and from there all phone calls are made to each one of my aunts, uncles, and cousins go to my grandmother's house on Friday they call it "Social Friday Night" I'm not only reading to my son, niece, and nephew. I'm reading to the Whole Family Now. Since im not from this county its hard for my family to come visit me So Reading Legacies has brought me closer to my loved ones in so many ways.

Being apart of the IBH community I've learned so much. Mistakes and failures are human nature but in this community I've learned how to forgive myself and accept others. I even learned from their mistakes consequences, challenges and traumas arising from our actions are battle scars from this life. But I've learned if you posses a fighting spirit and a will to persevere you'll discover that it is not really about the depths or degrees to which you fall its about having faith in your ability to rise above your circumstances. "Reading Legacies is a great Program and I hope we continue to have more Programs like this here at las colinas Thank you For this opportunity and for "Reading Legacies"