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He saw himself as a “big troublemaker”

He was creating disruptions both at home and at school regularly. For Boyce, life at 15 wasn't looking so great.

Then, Boyce's grandmother, Kathleen, enrolled him in the YMCA Summer Camp with the help of the YMCA's Financial Assistance program. Much to their surprise, this became a catalyst for positive change. Camp life and its group dynamic drew out Boyce's leadership qualities and made an indelible impression.

I began to grow up and even my teachers were saying, 'Who are you and what have you done with Boyce?'

Boyce now volunteers his time at a YMCA School-Age Child Care site. He has received glowing letters from his camp counsellors – letters his grandmother has framed to remind him of how far he's come.

Boyce now looks forward to pursuing a career in Chemical Engineering or Forensic Science.

“Without the YMCA it would have taken him much longer to find himself and I know he wouldn't have changed so quickly,” says Kathleen. “The staff cared enough to help and everyone has noticed the change.”

Boyce feels the same.

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