

Hello,

My name is George Ricketts, and I'm currently a freshman at Pacific University majoring in Creative Writing. Around ten years ago, however, the idea of me going to college seemed like a pipe dream. I had been expelled from school for behavioral issues, and I had to be homeschooled because no other school would take me due to my behavior. My future in education looked incredibly bleak and lonely.

Then, my family and I discovered Serendipity Center. Over the course of two and a half years there, I learned how to regulate my behavior through coping strategies, gained self awareness, and instilled in me the confidence that I could look at the future directly in the eyes and not flinch. Without Serendipity Center, I wouldn't have been able to graduate high school as valedictorian of my class.

It is for this exact reason that I support the expansion of Serendipity Center. With it, Serendipity Center will be able to provide a place of sanctuary and learning for children that aren't getting the support they need to succeed. Serendipity Center can give them a second chance, just like it gave me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.