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My name is David Guerrero, I am 24 years old single father of one and one of many success stories thanks to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps. I am currently a recycling supervisor that does sorting, job fairs, marathons, and many other community based events.

I was a very troubled youth before coming to the sgvcc. Growing up in a broken home and having two older brothers that were fully fledged gang members. Being bad seemed to come natural, I was on the same path of destruction as my older brothers, after losing both of my brothers in the summer of 07. I was introduced to the corps by a friend in the summer of 08. I came to the corps with zero credits and no goals or ambitions. I started coming to school working at the corps, thanks to people I worked with and was mentored by at the corps my eyes had begun to open up. I stopped wanting to be in the streets and started to want to be successful. I studied hard and worked harder, and in summer 2010 all my hard work payed off. I had a beautiful daughter and graduated, months later the corps gave me the opportunity to move up from a corps member to a supervisor. Now I have my daughter, my own apartment, and my own car, but most importantly I now have goals and ambitions that I want to accomplish in life for my daughter and I am on the verge to go back to school and ultimately become a counselor for kids that are incarcerated.

I have come very far in my 24 years of life, and all of this is thanks to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps. I am asking please not just for myself and my fellow coworkers but for those young people who have not yet had the opportunity like I was given to change and become successful and keep funding us through the bottle bill.

Sincerely,

David Guerrero