Good evening thank you ladies and gentlemen and the entire Child Help Organization. I am truly honored today to be standing here in front of you all and accepting this award. I want to specifically thank my neighbors Christen and David James family who introduced me to this program. I came to the US when I was 19 years old to pursue my college education. I fell in love with Southern California and decided to stay here ever since graduation to pursue a career and build a family. This country provided me the opportunity to create and build a successful career and I was also able to find my loved ones and build a great family of a beautiful wife 2 boys and Harley our dog. After I reached a certain level of success with my career I wanted to give some back and contribute to charity I wanted to help the people that are less fortunate. I feel that God has been extremely kind to me and gave me the chance to strive and achieve success so now it’s time to give back and help the less fortunate I decided to write checks. I supported Chinese Charities, Child Help and some other ones. I wrote them for many years and reached a point in my life where I decided that I wanted to do a bit more I was searching for something hands on. I wanted my kids to participate and understand learn to appreciate life and respect less fortunate kids out there. I searched around and Child Help had the perfect solution (the special friend program). Through the Child Help program I was able to meet Sean Tolliver. A 6’3” African American that weighs in at 195 lbs. At first sight I was thinking Sandra Bullocks movie Bodyguard I found myself an athlete. Well we know the math works against us when it comes to making it in professional sports. Sean parents split up when he was very young, mom was an alcoholic and he really doesn’t know his dad. I slowly became Sean’s mentor and I brought my family in and we spent weekends together. He would come and play ball and watch my kids basketball and football games. I tried to guide him and mentor him down the right tracks in life. I encouraged sports but strongly emphasized the importance of education. Sean was a great athlete but was struggling academically. My goal was to help him graduate high school, get a job and continue his education at a city college. Sean graduated this year and is now working at Sports Chalet and studying at Orange Coast Community College. The entire process is truly gratifying and at time there could be challenges because you are trying to guide a child who was raised through an entirely different back ground. I want you all to know that I have experienced the adrenaline of success in business and based on my type A personality I will continue it but I will tell you there is nothing like spending a great day and bring some joy to a less fortunate child out there. My kids have learned so much through the interactions we’ve had through this Child Help program and they are already learning the concept of giving and helping others through the process. If there is any charity event they are always the first ones to jump up and give. They interact with all the kids at the Joanne House. Ladies and gentlemen I’m here to share my experience and it may not be for everyone because it is time consuming so if its not for you please make sur ethe checks keep coming in because it is really benefitting this program and there are so much that goes behind this program to help the kids. Through participating in the program I have also realized how much time and effort this organization has helped so many kids. It’s not easy raise 6 boys in a house. Child help has 3 houses with 24 hour full time staff watching them and helping them. There’s a house for the girls called the Johnson house and its through your support checks that allows this to happen. Your generosity gives these kids a chance in life. I think Sean is on the right track now and I think I will be looking for my next special friend.

My speech will be at an upscale charity gala with about 400 people. The audience are all very successful people who have either built a successful career or are trust fund babies that inherited a lot of money from their parents. I am Child Help’s honorary member of the year for my involvement with Sean the past 2 years. The intention of my speech is to be able to share some of my experiences with these people and try to get more people to participate and get more involved.. Most of the people write checks every year but aren’t really hands on like I was the past 2 years. I want to make a statement in a funny way to make sure they keep writing those checks (I’m not here to tell them stop writing checks) because that is still the most important thing and if they have additional time they can do what I do. I would like to be able to give a touching speech that expresses the gratification I gained by being hands on with a homeless child and guiding him through his teenage years. I want to emphasize the positive impact it brought to my family and how it helped my kids. I want to convey a message like we” type A” personalities can gain a lot of gratification with such experiences. Need to emphasize that I helped guide Sean tto graduate and get a job. I mentored him so he doesn’t go down the wrong path. I want to promote this organization Child Help and let people know this organization has put a lot of time and effort to develop a great program to help kids around the United States.