



**Through the years of taking the youth of Willow Green Town Homes to Clear Creek Care Center with Bessie's hope, I have been the witness of many great relationships being built. Brandy began participating with Bessie's Hope when she was thirteen. During her visits, Brandy developed an amazing bond with one particular Grandpartner Jan. Throughout her life, Brandy has struggled with many ups and downs. She has had turbulence with parents, school and relationships. In the past, she has had bouts of depression and struggled to define herself. On thing that has remained constant through all of this is Jan. When asked about her relationship with Jan, Brandy said, "I love going to visit Jan because she doesn't care what is going on with everything. She is just happy to see me and loves me no matter what." Now 16, a freshman in high school, Brandy is a strong, confident, bubbly young woman. She still visits Jan often. If ever she can't attend a visit, she tells other kids in the group to send Jan her love. When Brandy misses a visit, Jan showers the other youth with the same unconditional love, but always adds-Please send Brandy my love. Without the help of Bessie's Hope, not only would Brandy not have the meaningful consistent relationship in a rather inconsistent world, Jan would not have a meaningful relationship to foster and look forward to!**

**Brandy's story is only one story of a meaningful relationship being built. Many of the youth have built long-lasting relationships. Bessie's Hope has not only built good relationships but also helped develop academic skills as well. Youth regularly read aloud to their grandpartners. This has proved to be very beneficial because the youth seem to feel a very high level of comfort, which they may not feel with other adults.**

**Sincerely,**

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