

A FIVER  
STORY



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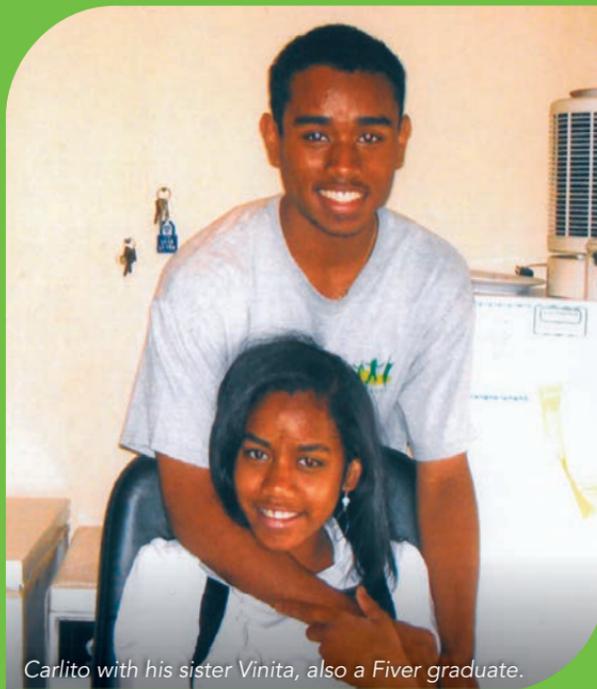


# A MOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE



Fiver has helped my son become the accomplished and responsible young adult that he is today. He has learned to be open minded and accepting of the diversity in the world we live in. We are grateful for everything that Fiver has provided us, from fun and inspiring summers to beneficial college workshops. Before Fiver, Carlito was a quiet and reserved child, and now, he has blossomed into a lively and passionate young man. He has gone through both his ups and downs with the help of the attributes and positivity that Fiver has instilled in him. Thank you for being there with us through Carlito's life, and thank you for continuing to be part of our family.

— Leticia Atkins, Carlito's Mother



Carlito with his sister Vinita, also a Fiver graduate.

# MY NAME IS CARLITO ATKINS.

## I AM ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF KIDS IMPACTED BY FIVER...

Fiver is a place where I have found peace of mind, support, and positive guidance during the course of more than half my life. Fiver impacted my friends and I by providing opportunity. We wanted to reach for higher goals than our peers in school. Even after we left elementary school and went our separate ways through middle and high school, we pushed each other to avoid summer school so we could spend the summer at Camp Fiver.

As a Fiver alumnus I want to give 10 years back to the program as a volunteer and summer staff member. I want to be a positive role model for Fiver youth, just like my role models were and continue to be for me. This year, I will graduate from the University of New Haven with a degree in graphic design. I will hopefully continue to work with kids part time even though it isn't my long-term career path. Youth development is important to me because kids are our future leaders and with the proper guidance, the future can change for the better one child at a time.



I enjoy being a **HELP TO THE YOUNGER KIDS** of Fiver, and I want them to have the same **COMFORTING EXPERIENCE** as I did."  
— age 17



**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Fiver is the **BEST THING** that ever happened to me. At Fiver I **FEEL LIKE A LEADER**, and a person who cares. I follow what I learn at Fiver at school and in my everyday life.  
— age 14



**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Fiver changed me in such a way that, now I'M **MORE FOCUSED IN LIFE**. I stay out of trouble in school. I try to keep my grades up. I'M **MORE RESPECTFUL**.  
— age 16



**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
This is my first time in a **SLEEP AWAY CAMP**. I want to know other things and do other things I was never able to do before like **FISHING, HORSEBACK RIDING**, and more. Also I would be able to meet other people.  
— age 8



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## CARLITO'S 10-YEAR JOURNEY

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