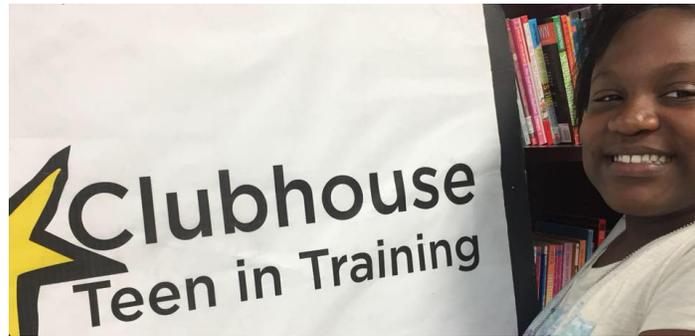




# Clubhouse



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TaMeka

## Thank You!

Before TaMeka shares her story with you, I want to let you know how grateful I am for your past support. Thank You. Because of your generosity, Clubhouse made a 7 year, life changing impact on TaMeka.

*Clubhouse is truly a huge part of my life since third grade. It was the first activity I attended when moving to Garden Manor Apartments in Troy. I was a very shy and anxiety made making friends a serious struggle. One day my mom encouraged me to try Clubhouse - just for a week. I wasn't going to give it a chance but out of nowhere, something told me 'just try'. I mean who was I hurting by trying something new? That thought, seemingly from God, has become my favorite saying whenever a new opportunity is ahead of me.*

*Starting Clubhouse, I had no real understanding of faith or who God is. However, Clubhouse teens played games and activities with us where I found understanding about God and could ask any questions. Yes, I found my best friend in God plus a lot of teens and adults.*

*In sixth grade I made a big decision to continue my Clubhouse journey as a Teen in Training (TNT), knowing that I would have to work with people older than me and people my age. I had to go out of my comfort zone and do things I never thought I would do like speaking to crowds, leading meetings, doing service work and being smack dab in the middle of making a change in the name of God. Heck, I even became a paid Troy intern last fall! The thought of that would have terrified 10-year-old me.*

*Honestly, I have a lot of thanks to give Clubhouse for everything the teens have done for me. I want to continue sharing the love, friendship, and faith that Clubhouse gave me. I look forward to being a part of the change and for children who look up to me, to one day when they take my place and go on as well. Whenever I think of who I am today I have memories of Clubhouse.*

*In closing I thank God for Clubhouse and all of the wonderful people who put their time and effort into impacting my life and so many others like me. Most importantly thank you for all the generous donations given to Clubhouse making all of this possible now and for many more years to come.*

Today I'm asking you to please consider helping more children like TaMeka, by making a gift of \$90 or more to Clubhouse. You can make your gift on the enclosed card or online at [bit.ly/clubhousedbg](http://bit.ly/clubhousedbg). Your gift will provide teens with leadership opportunities, and provide at-risk kids with a safe place to go after school, where they will learn lessons that will last a life-time. You will impact many more young lives - and you may help leaders to discover their passion in the process. Please send your gift today.

Together making a difference in young lives,

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