

Title: Together We Can

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Together we can! When we think about that, what does it make you think? Teamwork and coming together as a family and finding who you are right? With that being said let me tell you about some obstacles I have had in my life and how JAG has helped me overcome these challenges. I grew up living with my grandparents since my parents were heavily involved in substance abuse. Growing up without parents has been rough and it caused me to be super shy. Growing up I have always felt isolated and just all alone like I had no one. Since I moved around so much as a kid I never really had friends but when I entered the JAG classroom I was welcomed by a wonderful teacher and lots of wonderful peers. Being in JAG I have found my voice, I started making friends and opening up from being shy and reserved. I even ran in the Career Association Election and was elected historian.

I have realized that my fellow JAG members are my team! By coming together we help each other open up and we find our voices as JAG members in a classroom that has become our safe place. It has really impacted me and changed the way I view life. It has changed the way I look at my future and who I want to be. I now know that I can overcome certain situations or obstacles and it helps to know others have done the same.

I also realized the resilience in JAG members and the courage they have to step up and help fellow members following a tragedy. Since being in JAG it has made me see how we come together like on December 10, 2021, when a tornado hit in the Western part of Kentucky and destroyed so many small towns. JAG Kentucky rose to the occasion! We raised money, collected food items, clothes and hygiene items to help our fellow JAG members from the area and their families.

With all this being said, being in JAG has taught me much more than how to do job applications and interviews. Instead, it's taught me about teamwork, leadership, resilience,

persevering and anything can be done when we work together. Even in a pandemic and natural disaster we all still find a way to come together and get through it as a team and a family and “Together we can.”