

Hi Mr. Albright,

It was a true honor to work with the young athletes over this past month for TOPSoccer. It felt good to get out and know that I'm making a difference or change in someone's life. Volunteering in this program taught me to appreciate the small things. It definitely inspires me knowing that I'm making an impact on someone. I was always so excited to see my athlete grow and become closer and more comfortable with me. I always left the Y feeling a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Growing as an athlete not only means improving my skills but also means growing as a person emotionally and accepting more responsibilities like leadership, trust, confidence, and being a good team player. Pushing myself outside my comfort zone, like trying out for ODP, and then learning to work with unfamiliar people/teammates has helped me learn to trust each other and work together as a team. This has helped me gain confidence which motivates me. I want to be the type of teammate that everyone can look up to and trust and be that go-to person.

I believe that volunteering for programs like this, and also stepping outside of your comfort zone, will give you great rewards in the end.

Morgan F.