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My name is Ulani Glenn, I was born and raised in Brooklyn New York. I consider myself to be a caring, outgoing and determined to accomplish my goals in life. I currently attend the New York City College of Technology studying in the Human Service (HUS) field to obtain a career assisting and bettering lives. My family experiences have shown me how the HUS professionals are helpful in maintaining and bettering lives. The dedication provided to my cousin made to want to be a Human Service Professional, experiencing secondhand how a HUS worker can assist in the improvement and stability of lives. The amount of care and security that was provided for my cousin during and after her pregnancy, assisted in the parent she is today. Ensuring that she did not drop out of high school due to her circumstances and assisted in helping her gain the knowledge she may have lacked. I want complete my degree in Human Services to obtain career in the Human Service field so that I can assist others teen moms as my cousin was in her time of need.

There are many influences that have affected my choice in becoming a human service worker as I stated before I witnessed secondhand how HUS professionals are able to touch and assist in the growth of individuals, families and communities. As a teenager my cousin became pregnant and had a baby, with no help she was about to drop out of school. She was given the choices to get her G.E.D and have assistance in child care while she attends school. Her social worker provided her guidance and support on how to be a first time mom with the do's and don'ts of motherhood. The devotion from her social worker maintain a good relationship with her insuring she and the baby's needs were being met, and insuring and maintaining her self-sufficiency for herself and new baby. Watching how dedicated and helpful the social worker was for my cousin reminded me of myself and how I was always wanting to help people. Another influence that affected my choice in becoming a human service professional was my experience working as a paraprofessional. While working as a paraprofessional I was able to work in the life program, providing child care for teen mothers in the NYC Department of education systems. While working alongside social workers I learned that they provide the most help and guidance to the young mothers. Working as a paraprofessional I learned that there are many teens around the world and in my community that drop out of school due to teen pregnancies and lack of assistance that a HUS professional could provide. I want to be able to be the assistance that is lacking to insure not only the life of the new child but to maintain the stability of the new parent(s).

In order to enhance my effectiveness in the human service field I have skills that are helpful in insuring success. When I am working in groups or with an individual one skill that I can provide is my listening skills. Paying attention to what the client or group is saying helps

clarify what they are going through so you can help now, and know their preferences for later. When working with groups and individuals leadership skills are very important. Understanding the signs of coherent groups and knowing when to pull out of the group can help for the success of the group. Watching and listening for signs that the group is working is important to maintain a healthy relationship between you and the group.

The population that I would like to serve is young adults, teen parents. I would like to assist in the growth of both the parent and their child. There are many teen parents that lack assistance and guidance. I want to be able to show them they have choices and are not alone, ensuring that they don't give up but keep moving forward. One important skill I will be learning is how to be empathetic. Showing my clients that I understand them and they aren't alone. I would like to have this population grow to be open minded, having a baby doesn't mean you have to quit school.

From the time I graduate ten years from now, I in vision myself working with teen mothers and fathers, assisting them finish school, maintaining a relationship to insure their success. Being knowledgeable with most of the HUS skills that I learned, I hope to apply all skills I've learn in my courses of human service in order to better my clients as well as to better myself as well.

I choose to work in the human service field serving the teen moms and dads insuring their completion of school to become worthy parents. I've seen many young mothers drop out of school and wait until their child is older to try school, it's hard and at times never happens. I want to stop the cycle of teen parents not becoming successful believing their life has to stop because of their child. I want to assist in the growth of both client and their child as my cousin was assisted. Her social workers devotion and care made me want to be a human service professional. I want to reduce the amount of teen drop outs due to early pregnancy maintain a strong neighborhood and educated people even with unplanned pregnancies.