

Patrick Brown, the recipient of the Carolyn A. Bartlett Award at the presentation on August 4, 2017 with Robert Bartlett, David Bartlett, [Brown], Eric Smith (mentor), Debi Williams-Chair/Chance Foundation, Lesli Bartlett-Roker, and Ann Smith (Student Affairs Counsellor/Chance Foundation).

The sponsorship was made possible by the generous donations of guests who attended the 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday party of Carolyn A. Bartlett held this year at Sapodilla. Brown, who has chosen to study Computer Programming at BTVI, will be the first of any generation in his family to receive tertiary education.

His story is not unique, but it is distressing. Born to a drug addict, he was given up for adoption and raised by a loving grandmother figure who died when he was 3 years old. For the next 3 years he suffered brutal and repeated beatings by an aunt who terrorized him until at age 6 he attempted suicide by jumping into a deep well. He was angry that his older brother fished him out and saved his life. The beatings continued as one by one all of his adopted siblings ran away leaving him alone with his aunt. Now 18 years old and having recently connected with his father, Patrick will soon be living with his father. Concerned for his less fortunate siblings, his goal is to improve his employment opportunities through tertiary qualification, and by so doing, provide a measure of financial relief for his family. For the Brown family, this Award will be life-changing.

Your thoughtful donation will actually be life-saving and could end the cycle of poverty for an entire family.



SPOTLIGHT ON  
PATRICK BROWN,  
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