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## IMPACT SUMMARY

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### FACEBOOK FEEDBACK

*Mawi, I want to personally thank you for what you've done for me. I waited 18 years for my voice to be heard, and you made it happen. Words can't describe how I'm feeling right now. I feel very grateful that I got the opportunity to meet and talk with you. When I saw that you actually cared for what I had to say, it showed me that not everyone out there is bad. I will never forget the day I met you. Your words are so powerful, and they have true meaning. Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to interview me.*

*Thanks for letting my story be heard.*

**-Hannah Zweig**

**See video posted on Mawi's blog at <http://mawiasgedom.com/hannahs-bullying-story>**

*Mawi, I attended your lecture on Wednesday night at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. I wanted to thank you for being so uplifting. When you mentioned that your father had been fired from his janitorial job because of his cataracts, my heart was touched deeply - especially when you described how he would be sitting in the same place on the couch every time you came home. I am 58 years old, and I unfortunately could really relate to that. When the economy crashed a couple of years ago, I lost my job. Since then, I have only been able to work in a job for about 6 months. I was beginning to become like your father. I am very interested in computers and writing. My wife suggested that I go to college. I did not see a way to do it financially, but I managed to get a Pell grant. So here I am in college.*

*I really enjoy being in the presence of intelligent people. Mawi, you are a godsend. How wonderful that you are able to bless so many lives. Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

**-Hubert Duane Lucy**

*Hello Mawi, I just want to take the time to thank you for coming out to speak to all of us all at CGCC. Your speech was so uplifting and inspirational. You had me in tears when you talked about being the invisible one.*

*I went through that when I was younger - not with friends, but with my own family and at times still do.*

*You just hit a spot in my heart. I wish you all the best. Thank you so much, again!!*

*I'm going to hit my turbo button 100%.*

**-Ashley Shane**

*You inspired me today! I went to both of your showings because I was that moved by you! You inspired me to push that turbo button! Thank you so much! Keep doing what you're doing, Mawi!!*

*Again, thank you so much!! CGCC!! CHECK!!*

**-Jennifer Mocharski**

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*Still feeling inspired and motivated because of the speech I heard given by Mawi Asgedom tonight at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. The humility and gratitude this man has, coupled with his life's story - soul stirring to say the least!*

*What an honor it was to hear you speak tonight at CGCC. My soul is truly stirred.*

*I wanted to tell you how much it meant to me that you went back to "Matt Pool's" mother and told her how much it meant that she reached out the way she did. I literally had a lump in my throat. That is a form of true sincerity, humility and gratitude. I don't see much of that very often. Stay blessed!*

**-Rosemary Baisey Alvarez**

*Hi Mawi, it was such a pleasure to meet you tonight. Thank you for sharing your story and encouraging me to share mine. I am the nurse whose doctors told my mom I would never read or write.*

**-Rae Clevenger**

*Thank you so much for believing in everyone. Your speech tonight was extremely inspirational.*

*I work a full time job at a nursing home and I too have a 1 and 2 year old, both boys.*

*They are definitely a challenge, but I love them to pieces. Why am I here? What am I here to do? What is my purpose? Then answer will ALWAYS be my children!!! Your story of your mother inspired me the most.*

*What she did for you and your siblings is unbelievable. She is a HERO! Please tell her that I admired the way she [gave] her EVERYTHING! She is one extremely brave and loving mother. She is also lucky in having wonderful children and to watch them succeed. You know she loves you!*

*Thank you again so much for having faith in yourself, and having faith in everyone else.*

**-Ashley Phelps**

*Thank you! I was inspired by you today. :) –Kelly Dycus Darger*

*Thank you for your speech at CGCC. I was able to relate to you more than I thought I would. I hope I can get to listen to more of your speeches in the future. You're very inspiring, and really had an impact on me. Hopefully in a year I can see you in an airport and get that sandwich :)! CHECK!!!!*

**-Dylan Beikman**

*Many, many thanks for your talk at CGCC yesterday. I was in tears when you told your mother's story. Now being a mother, and having been ashamed of my own mother who was a drug addict and why she couldn't have given my sister and me a better start. Thank you for your words that if you're walking around being ashamed then half of you is missing. Amen! :) Thank you, for I am actively pushing my turbo now and always.*

**-Dawn Maldonado-Bera**

*Mawi, I was at the assembly at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, and I LOVED your speech.*

**-Melissa Piedra**

**CHECK!! CGCC! -Genaro Yeyo Olivas**

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