rom the Sisters, I learned intangibles not graded on a report card . . . character building things, like integrity and respect. I now realize how much that changed the course of my life.

Donor Bob S.



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