

Katies Video Transcript – 2021

Transcript for Katie's Story

Speaker 1:

(laughs)

Katie:

Oh my gosh! Look at all of these people. This is the best gift that anyone has ever given me.

Speaker 3:

[inaudible]

Speaker 4:

Go ahead in, somebody wants to see you.

Katie:

Hi!

Clay Broga:

Hi!

Katie:

Wow!

Clay Broga:

(laughs)

Katie:

What's up?

Clay Broga:

I wanted to catch up, but there's something else I wanted to do today. It's about you.

The group I work for, Stand Together, we're trying to inspire a belief in people, people to believe in themselves and in one another. I was trying to think about who believed in me, and I just kept thinking about you.

Katie:

Aww... That makes me so happy.

Clay Broga:

I mean, you were a mentor and a coach. You saw a gift in me for writing. I can't tell you the ripple effect that's had in my life. You took me to my first concert, Blues Traveler-

Katie:

An- Blues Traveler... Oh my-

Clay Broga:

At [Wolf Trap]. And things like that just expanded my world, and built my confidence, and gave me tools to succeed in life. And I can't thank you enough for it.

Katie:

Thank you for saying that.

Clay Broga:

I recruited someone else to help thank you, so give me one second. I'm gonna share that with you right now.

John Popper:

Hey, Katie. This is John Popper from Blues Traveler, and I heard what you did for Clay.

And I just wanna thank you, uh, for helping so many people believe in themselves. U- u-

that is a huge thing you've done, and you do it regularly. And I just wanted to say thank you. This is for you. (silence)

John Popper:

Thank you!

Katie:

Okay, that's the coolest thing I ever saw. (laughs)

Speaker 7:

(laughs)

Katie:

Oh my god!

Clay Broga:

Buckle up, 'cause we're not done yet. You didn't just do this for me, you do this for so many students and people, helping them believe in themselves. Would you go out to your front yard? It's a little hard to bring people together during COVID, but we've got one more surprise for you out there in the front yard.

Katie:

(laughs)

Speaker 7:

All right. Let's go, Katie.

Speaker 8:

Dr. [Best], you believed in me last year when I first met you. You were my advisor, and I was going through a really hard time in my life because I got injured. You stuck with me through it, and you've been so amazing. And now, I'm at a really good point in my life, and you were really, really helpful in getting me there. So, thank you so much.

Speaker 9:

Hi, Katie. You believed in me, um, before I even knew that I wanted to be a musician.

Speaker 10:

Katie, you believed in me when I needed it the most. Thank you for helping me overcome my learning disabilities-

Speaker 11:

Katie, you believed in me when I was a high school English student-

Speaker 12:

Katie, you believed in me when I was a bummed out teenager.

Katie:

(laughs)

Speaker 13:

You believed in me when I was a student sitting in that classroom in eighth grade, I want to thank you for that.

Katie:

Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker 7:

(laughs)

Speaker 14:

Hi, Miss Best!

Speaker 8:

Thanks!

Speaker 9:

Bye!

Speaker 10:

Bye!

Speaker 14:

Hi, Miss Best!

Katie:

Oh my gosh, look at all of these people.

Speaker 7:

I know.

Speaker 8:

[crosstalk]

Katie:

Oh, look at your faces!

Speaker 7:

(laughs)

Speaker 15:

Hi, Miss Best. I keep tearing up (laughs) thinking about how much you like, helped me and like changed my life. When I was in high school I just didn't think that I was good at anything. Everything you taught me I took to college. Now I'm... (laughs) Now I'm a teacher myself. And I think about all-

Katie:

[inaudible]

Speaker 7:

[inaudible]

Speaker 15:

The things that you taught me, and it really helps me teach others.

Katie:

This is incredible. This is the best gift that anyone has ever given me. When I get out of shock, I'm never gonna forget this.

Speaker 7:

(laughs)

Katie:

I don't even... This is like the most special thing that's ever happened in my whole life.

Thank you.