Everyone deserves a chance.
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Youth Development
All kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. It starts with believing in their potential.

Rowlie’s family migrated from the Philippines to the remote community of Ka’u, Hawai’i in search of a better life, but both parents labored for long hours, leaving the vulnerable teen to fend for himself. School was difficult, and making friends, even harder.

In his sophomore year, thanks to generous Y donors, Rowlie was invited to attend the Y’s Youth and Government program in Honolulu. It was there that Rowlie realized his potential. Over the next two years, he transformed from a nervous newbie to “Rookie Legislator of the Year” and was among a select group to attend the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs on the mainland. Today, Rowlie is attending Georgetown University and after recently completing an internship with U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, will be interning with U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard. He credits the Y for changing the trajectory of his life.