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Brandon

Mirabel Alumni

Brandon recites his life story so casually, as though telling an anecdote. His mother and father were both consumed by drug use. There are stories of crime, violence and neglect. The pair forgot one day that they'd left baby Brandon on the beach in the blazing sun, and he ended up in medical care. At that point Brandon's grandparents stepped in and spent their house deposit money, their only chance at owning a home, to win custody of their grandchild. This is a Mirabel story.

Today Brandon is a professional dancer, as well as a driven, successful videographer. Broken legs and torn ligaments haven't held him back. You get the sense nothing could. He says a lot of that is thanks to Mirabel.

'Mirabel paid for my dance lessons and provided fuel vouchers to help my grandparents get me there,' he says. 'I met Jules (long-time Mirabel staff member and mentor) when I was eight years old. We're best mates and I work with Jules to help raise awareness of the issues faced by Mirabel families.'

'Mirabel has always gone the extra mile. In all honesty, they provided something I didn't have access to, and I wouldn't have had the opportunities I have had if I wasn't a Mirabel kid. I owe them so much.'

'I have always wanted to make my grandparents proud, and also Mirabel's people who have helped me along the way. They've done so much for me and opened so many doors.'