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Dear Hope Happening Community,

When you think of Independence Day, what comes to your mind? Perhaps you recall sweet memories of roasting s'mores and staying up late watching spectacular fireworks. Perhaps you remember the history of the year 1776 and the courageous men who set our country free. Or perhaps you remember the many men and women who have defended our freedom ever since that first Independence Day – many *sacrificing their all* for the sake of others.

I'm so humbled and grateful for this *same self-giving spirit that is in each one of you* – our community partners. Because of you, each client that walks through our doors is met with an outpouring of love and resources to help in their time of need. Because their needs are met, they begin to experience **independence** from the worldly pull of our culture, to a much sweeter **freedom** of new life in Christ.

This beautiful reality was witnessed the other day when one of our clients, Rachel* spoke the words *"I need Jesus."* I don't think any sweeter words were spoken that day! Thank YOU for your HUGE part in empowering these stories of hope. (*name changed for privacy)



Witnessing the community collaboration of individuals, churches and a school who partnered with Baby Bottle Boomerang this year is so humbling and inspiring. These partners literally do *all* the leg work for us – picking up our bottles and distributing them to individuals, only to gather them again in a month and bring them back full of the generosity of our amazing community! To every individual, church, business and school who participated this year – **THANK YOU!** You enable the continued growth of Possibilities in reaching 164 brand new clients in the first 5 months of 2018! Possibilities' partners are vital. YOU are vital. We are in this together!

As you celebrate Independence Day, I pray your heart rejoices in the freedom of new life in Christ. *"If the son sets you free, you shall be free indeed."* John 8:36

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