Do the Write Thing

Ahhhh, run he has a gun. This is what some people here every day. I have been
carried asleep to police sirens and fire trucks but I have been blessed that nothing has ever
happened to me. Living in a neighborhood nicknamed “murderpan” has brought a bad
reputation to my community. So violence is a big part of my life. It’s not something that
can be exterminated over night but we can’t make progress if we never try.

Throughout my life violence has made me scared and nervous. Since nothing has
happened to me yet, I fear that violence could strike at anytime. Violence has also made
me rethink my actions and what I say or do. If I’m playing basketball at the park with
older guys I have learned not to talk so much because I can get myself into trouble.
Nothing has happened to me yet and I would like to keep it that way.

I think social media and rumors have encouraged violence. My father told me
stories of how he had to always fight because some kid would tell this other kid that my
father was talking about him. Rumors can and has been causing a lot of problems with
people. Today, there has been many fights that started because of a he said she said
situation. Social media causes problems because people don’t watch what they say. Kids
put up statuses and messages that can start problems. I think kids should watch what they
say to minimize trouble.

As I said before violence is never going to fully disappear but with some
effort it can go down greatly. I think the community centers should bring down prices and
have activities to encourage more kids to sign up. If kids are occupying their time it is
more likely that they won’t get into trouble. I also think each student should have their
own guidance counselor to talk to about their problems. Talking to a friend will not ensure that it will stay a secret because it could end up all around the school. If students have an adult to talk to that understands it could really help.

In conclusion violence has infected everyone, everywhere. No matter how hard you try violence will always affect you. The best thing way to get rid of it is to fight it. Don’t fight with actions but with words. Become a better person and set an example for generations to come. Work toward the common good of all citizens and you can and will change the world.