Doing the right thing

Violence is everywhere in this country and it seems nothing is being done about it. Violence has affected my life in a couple of ways. I have lost relatives and close friends because of violence. Sadly I have lost a close friend in violence. My close friend was stabbed about 4 to 5 times in the stomach by someone. The violence was for no reason. They never found who committed the crime. I really miss him. Now you can see what violence can do to a friendship, to a friend, and to a family.

Violence is caused by hatred, jealousy, and selling drugs. When people are jealous of you, that can cause violence in someone’s life. When someone has something against you this could cause violence in your life. In my opinion, I think one of the biggest causes of violence in our community is gangs, because they are mostly the young people who sell the drugs. They are also the young people who are usually dealing with anger issues. They gain respect with guns, weapons and fear. Violence is a way to control the streets. These are serious problems in our communities. It will take all of us to stop violence in our communities.

One of the ways I could make a difference in my community is to not get involved in violent acts myself. I could start a petition to get more after school programs for kids so children wouldn’t get into trouble after school. Children would have a place to go to play and have constructive activities in positive environments. I would talk to kids to give their opinions about how to make school fun in order for them to remain in school, enjoy school and work hard in school to become a part of a violence free society in the future.