Violence Everywhere

Violence is everywhere. The world is filled with so much youth violence. There are many innocent people dying every day. Youth violence has affected many children and families in many ways. To me violence is like drugs. It gets very addictive. Once you start, it takes a long time for you to stop. The fact that many children are involved in violence sickens me. Children should be in school working hard to become successful and make their families proud. But some children choose to goof off and torture others by using violence. Many children join gangs thinking they are going to be safe and protected when they know it is the wrong thing to do. Sometimes I say to myself, “When a person kills another person don’t they feel awful?” And you know what, I bet they do. They get this feeling, but they don’t stop. They just keep on using violence until they get into prison. Someday the world will be violence free. And everyone will walk on the streets with being scared of getting shot. It will take a very long time to achieve this goal. This goal is too big for only one person to carry out. We all need to help and try our best. We have to reach out to those children using violence and help them in any way we can. With everyone working together we achieve our goal to stop violence in the world. Especially starting by stopping youth violence.
There are many things that cause youth violence around the world. Media is one reason for youth violence. There are many televised shows that have scenes about fighting and aggressive behavior. When children see this, the images get stuck in their heads. They then start behaving in aggressive and others ways. Another reason for youth violence is gangs. Children think they will be safe hanging out with a local gang. They also think they will look cool among their friends. Gangs teach children to use violence in many ways. Even more, substance abuse or drug abuse is another reason. Using drugs affects a child’s brain and causes children to act differently. Furthermore, negative peer pressure can make kids act in violent ways. Bullies are an example of negative peer pressure. Many children follow bullies because they do not want to be bullied. Bullies can make others commit suicide or join gangs. As a result of bullying, many children are dead because of suicide. Bullying also causes suicidal thoughts. Poverty is also another reason for youth violence. Children will turn to robbing because they want things they do not have. Bad parenting can also lead to youth violence. If a parent harms their child in some way is not good.

Children need positive role models to look up to. Positive role models really help children live a good life. Many children who love sports look up to their favorite athletes. Many kids will practice their favorite sports because they want to
be just like their favorite athletes. This way they spend their time on something useful, instead of wasting their time on violence.

Youth violence has affected many families and children as we all know. Youth violence hasn’t only affected others, but me too. I was in third grade when my friend was shot in the leg by a gang shoot out. She was on the street at the wrong time. I wondered how there was a gang shoot out in Boston. That was when I realized there was violence everywhere. There was not a place in the world that is free of violence. My friend was badly wounded by the bullet shot in her leg. The person who shot her didn’t even call the ambulance or at least show in some way if he or she was sorry. This injury really affected her life. She had to stay in the hospital for a couple of months. She couldn’t walk properly for a few months. I wasn’t there when she was shot. Even if I were there was no way I could have stopped her from being shot if I was there for a number of reasons. A way this could have been stopped was if she stayed home because she knew that she lived in a dangerous neighborhood. She could have also gone out with a parent or guardian. My friend could have also hid when she saw a car coming with people holding guns. Now I think she sometimes is tormented with dreams or nightmares of this incident. As a result she has learned to always stay away from violence.

To me, I can do a lot about youth violence. We all can. But not all our ideas will work. An idea I have is to stop bullying and drug abuse. The plan is to reach
out to children with others who used to be involved in youth violence. These people will tell the kids about their past and how to keep their heads up high. Another idea of mine is for the government to try their best to keep children from getting their hands on guns. We also need to enforce the law of not having guns. The government can also try their best to stop poverty and help dig out gangs from deadly neighborhoods. The government can try and stop poverty by helping their people get jobs and clean out neighborhoods with poverty. These actions can stop youth violence around our whole world.