Youth Violence

Violence has affected my life because in school we are not allowed to wear red hats or clothing. That is because red is a gang color. There is some gang activity in the area. Police are always around because of drug activity and other gang related crime. There has been high Police presents, due to assaults and house breakins.

In my opinion the main cause of youth violence is gangs. Gangs make you do things that you should not be doing. They can make you kill someone, turn against your family, steal. They make you get them things that you don't know about. They make you lie and turn against your old friends. This is just one cause of youth violence.

There are many more causes, like deaths in the family, bullying peer pressure, alcohol and drug abuse. Bullying is one of the worst. If you are bullied you can threaten others or kill yourself. You won't feel the same, you will always be angry and upset.

Peer pressure is another one. Someone or something can be forcing you to do something. This can also lead to death and many more things. Especially a death in the family. This person could have been close to you and commited suicide or been murdered by someone. This could make you angry, and force you to do things that you don't want to do. Alcohol is the wrong thing to drink, it will make you drunk and you will do stupid stuff. someone in your family could drink alcohol and scare you or hurt you. Then you go to protect yourself and you could hurt that person. It will make you feel defensive.

Friends is another one. You can try to be cool and do stuff and you can be teasing other kids and threatening the. You can become a bully.
Sometimes in sports and school if you are not doing your best, you get yelled at. These people that yell at you don't know that they are hurting you. They think that they are helping you to do the right thing. You can take it out on other people and stress out until you can't take it anymore. These are some things that can lead to youth violence.

I can stop or avoid this by keep saying no to drugs and alcohol. I could maybe influence other kids to stay away from these problems. I am friends with a lot of little kids and I can tell them to do this and that and not to do bad things. This is an action that I have taken at the Boys and Girls Club.