I could see that violence has affected my life and the lives of those in my generation in many ways. We suffer because of increased crime and violence against kids. Violence has affected the way we live, play and go about our daily lives. Teenagers in the generation before us could play outside all day as long as they made it home before the street lights came on. But my generation can’t enjoy that kind of freedom because of violence. We don’t play outside the way our parents did. We don’t hang out at the mall, movies, and the park the way our parents did. We have learned to entertain ourselves at home and communicate through the new forms of media. Increased violence has forever changed the way we live.

My mom told me when her parents were growing up they didn’t have to lock their doors back in the day. My generation will never know what that’s like, especially those of us that live in the city. Big or small, violence affects us all.
The media influence can lead to an increase in violent behavior in youth. Youth violence is a serious issue and there are many things that contribute to youth violence. One fact is that if a child grows up in an unhealthy household that he or she will be more likely to grow up to be a violent person. Another fact of violent behavior is if the child grows up in a tough neighborhood. Another fact is kids play video games like Call of Duty, grand theft auto and ect, and in movies like boyz in the hood, they think that they are just like them and when they grow up they wanna be gangsters and be in gangs. Another way that causes youth violence is there is not enough mentors to guide us in the right foot steps to become responsible young men because some of the men are doing stuff that youth are trying to do like smoking, selling drugs and ect. These are the causes of youth violence.
The community can decide to have a zero tolerance to violence policy which involves the authorities. This would make all the offenders get punished and probably change for a better and safe community. I can also give advice to friends, family and others that you should go to college and get a job so they can support their family. Another thing I can do is to increase the capacity of parents and caregivers to raise nonviolent youth. Another way is assure and promote alcohol and chemical dependency treatment for parents, support and facilitate help seeking where family violence occurs and educate about the benefits and ways of restricting exposure to violent media and promote connectedness between family members and the community. These are the things I can do about youth violence.

And please promote on-site screening and intervention, including mental health services for trauma, loss, use of alcohol and other drugs and abuse.