Violence is all around us and it hurts everyone. It has affected my life because I see other people fighting and kicking and I just want to get away from them. It makes me want to move. It upsets me. Some people are in gangs which has a negative impact on the community. I read in the newspaper that people in gangs get hurt. Additionally, I don’t like when people play violent games because I am worried that they would start to do it for real. Someone might hurt me because I did something wrong.

Violence includes punching, kicking, shooting, yelling, abusing people and killing them. Sometimes people shoot guns around my neighborhood. I hear gunshots in the day. I hear it so much that it doesn’t surprise me. I worry about my family and myself because we might get hurt by someone. People also yell at each other and argue about stuff on the street. Sometimes they swear. It just makes me sad.

I can help stop youth violence. One way that I can help is I cannot get involved into things and to stay away from people if they are in a gang. I talk to my parents about violence. They said that there are some parks that I can’t go to because there might be shooting there and because my mom wants to make me safe.