boom! boom! Guns go off. People screaming. The violence has begun. Violence has affected my life in many ways. I lived on home one when I was younger back then there was less shooting but still a lot of violence. I've seen people getting shot for drugs or not giving people money. This has affected me by showing me how cold people really are. Some of the causes of violence is music (rap) gangs & drugs or no parent around to guide them and tell them from right to wrong. This is the cause of youth violence. What I can do is have a positive mind and try to help those who need help with violence issues. Some may just have family issues; they don't know how to deal with it. In conclusion, violence has affected my life.
Because I knew where I had come from.

Becoming someone who really cared about others. It was hard. I went through so much. I had to learn to overcome the pain of what I had experienced. My life had been changed forever.

The pain was real, the hurt wasn't easy. I was going through some tough times, but I knew that I had to keep going. I couldn't give up.

I had to find a way to be strong, to be resilient. I had to learn to love myself again.

It wasn't easy, but I did it. I found my strength and my courage. I learned to be happy again.

I am grateful for all that I have been through. It has made me a stronger person.

I am proud of who I am today.