Do The Right Thing

I would like to tell you how violence has affected my life, my sister is involved with gangs and nearly lost her life a bunch of times, but I thought I would tell you about a time that could of put my sister, and multiple members of my family in danger. It was one very hot summer day when my sister, aunt, and two of my cousins decided to go to the beach. As they were coming home from the beach, a loud bang was all that they heard, and all that they could do was duck and run. While they were running my sister realized the guys doing the shooting were guys that she had problems with, and that they were aiming for her. While they were running she noticed that my cousin was behind her, so she stopped running and pushed him in front of her to make sure that him and the rest of our other family members were safe. The moral of this story is that violence affects everyone even
innocent bystanders. As gang violence continues in Boston, and throughout the country I worry about the safety of my sister, myself, and my mom as well.

Most violence is caused by gangs with people representing the neighborhood that they’re from, and other people doing the same from a different neighborhood trying to prove who’s tougher. Violence also revolves around material things, other people having something expensive that some people can’t afford so they decide to snatch it off of people. Most of the time when that’s done retaliation is a result that makes more gang violence occurs. Even little things such as looking at someone the wrong way can cause violence.

When I get older what I can do to help stop violence is start a program for younger people in gangs get together with people who have been in the same situation as they have at some point in their life, but have overcome it speak to them so they can convince that that there’s other ways to
solve problems between people without using violence. Then maybe younger people will respect, and value their lives and the lives of others.