Violence in my Neighbor

How has violence affected my life? Violence is everywhere. Just knowing that walking out my house I can be killed, knowing just walking to school I can get jumped. Knowing just about everywhere I am, there's always a person that is cruel and doesn't think before they act. That cruel person can have a bad day and just end anyone's life that isn't even involved in violence, but because of his/her's angry he/she feels like he/she needs to get back at the community. This individual is not even thinking of the possibilities of getting locked up for the rest of his/her's life. For all I know the person sitting next to me on the bus can be holding a trigger, the person that walks behind me can be carrying a snipper (knife). This is not a safe or perfect world, but a dangerous place to spend your entire life in a unsafe neighborhood. No one is perfect, but everyone has those down moody days, but it doesn't make it ok for them to kill the person standing beside them because what there wearing, what the have, or just because there just that target you want to land on.

In the city of Boston, there are many causes if youth violence for example: Gangs, music, sneakers, clothes... and many more. Honestly i say gangs should end, because they kill to prove how big or tough they are, most of the time they kill to get payback. They see someone in a pair of jordan's they wanted, but they got sold out so they end that person's life over a pair os sneakers. They see someone who is friends with someone in a gang, but has nothing to do with gang violence so they kill that person for being associated with a gang member. They hear someone blasting lil Jojo's music, they shoot that person because they feel disrespected sense they prefer Chief Keef. You have a $100.00 and the person sitting next to you on the train has only $5.00 so they rob you, because you have more money then them. Maybe if people in gangs weren't so worry about harming and disrespecting people but staying in school, and working at a well paid job, they wouldn't have to worry about what the person beside them has.

Just about 4-5 years ago my sister's friend was shot in the head while waiting at the bus stop to get to school, where he can be safe. The person that killed him was not thinking about this boy's family and how this will feel, he was just being selfish and just want to prove that he was bad enough so he can get accepted in a gang, but he might have proved that he's bad but also a fool to take someone's life just to be accepted in a gang. Instead of being at home, school, or his "gang" he's in jail for the rest of his life, and now everyday he will be thinking about what he did to end up in jail, it will haunt him to the day he dies!

For me to just be a teenager, I feel as all I can do is just stand there and watch, just like the rest of the by stander. But no matter how young i am, I can actually stick up for that person, even if it's scary but you can be known as a hero for risking your life to save someone else. No matter how young I am, I can help anyone that is getting involved in youth violence. I can call the police, tell a trust worthy adult. I can actually stick up for
that person. When there' more than many you can win and save a person's life then to just stand there and watch that person suffer.

The causes of youth violence can be dangerous and affect my life in many ways, just living in a dangerous neighborhood like Roxbury I am never to sure of what can happen. But as a kid it can be scary doing things on your own, but you are never to young to stop youth violence!