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### Do The Right The Right Thing Challenge

It was April 20th, 2013, it was a good day, I remember that day. I heard one of the staff from my school were running the marathon and I had nothing to do so I watched. I grew board then changed it. That day I asked dad to take me to a store to and he told me he couldn't. That's when I got the news.

My cousin was there so she asked why. My dad took her to the room and gave her the news, I was eavesdropping but couldn't hear clear. I then told them I listened but couldn't hear, I then got the news. Two bombs went out during the marathon killing 3 people and hurting hundreds.

Violence has affected me because it has sometimes made me scared of the outside world outside of my community. I was scared of the danger that was in this world, as a kid I was afraid every time I was whether in or outside my home.

Truly I feel the Boston bombing affected us, but you could think of that good or bad. Mayor Menino left bed to fight for Boston after the marathon, people were going around with Boston Strong signs and people were being united.

To me causes of youth violence are family. A kid may think that the best thing he can do in life is steal and kill for money but that kid needs to know God is with him and even though he may not have a brother or sister he needs to know he's loved and he's not alone.

What I can do about youth violence is only help this community become a better safe place. I pray nearly every night to those affected by anything but specifically from violence. I know this is a good and safe place, but it can be even safer.

I follow Gandhi words in this contest. From the great words of Gandhi, "Be the change you wish to see in the world today." I use that in this contest because I want people to be the thing they wish to see in the world today and I assume that's peace.

Youth violence is one thing, but inspiring or influence it is another thing. I feel people need to do the right thing and make violence something that was just one faded dream. I want that dream to be a dream that didn't just improve us in any way but made us stronger.

I say to you today to live in a world in which we can even go through the most dangerous streets happy and making it safer. I feel youth violence is diminishing within the



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years and I love that but I want it to be even better and stronger as a good neighborhood and community.

I say to you people today from my hopes and dreams, from my experience and yours,  
Do The Right Thing.