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## EDITORIAL

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# WELCOME

\*\*It's out First Issue\*\*

I'd like to welcome you all to the first issue of Youth Talk magazine. This magazine will serve as an extension of our non profit organization, Every Child Has a Story, Each issue will be filled with articles written by some of the great youth authors and writers I've come to know working with our community youth. All of the articles have been written exclusively for the magazine.

Anyway, we hope you enjoy this issue we call COVID-19.

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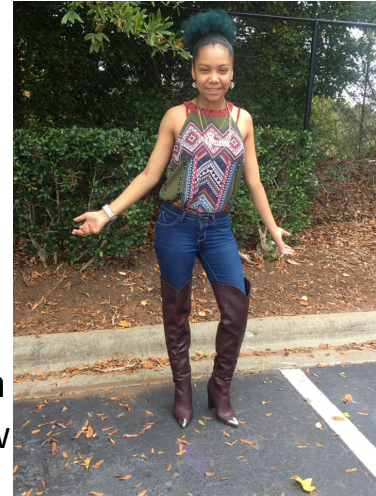
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MEOSHIA BURGESS YOUTH SPOTLIGHT



I'm Meoshia (Meo) Burgess and I'm a youth activist, business owner, model, public speaker and published author. Most importantly I'm the youth voice behind The Save The Youth Tour. I strongly believe that the youth are the future leaders of tomorrow. Yes, the youth have the power to make a difference in this crazy world we call life. I try to motivate the youth every day with a post or with my custom clothing and shoes. I try to show teens that they can make a difference by helping others, and showing them how great each of them can be.



Being a teen is sometimes a hard, difficult and unbalanced period of life. The challenges we struggle with and this time period will shape us into the adults we want to become. The youth need to be able to express themselves safely about their differences, supported by people they trust, those who understand them better than anybody else, other teens.

Saving The Youth is my mission, so much so that I'm currently in the process of planning a "Save The Youth Tour." This tour will focus on topics that affect all youth no matter what walk of life you come from rich, poor, black or white. This tour will be a step up as a teen summit and we will hold open discussions about sex trafficking, gun violence, domestic violence, bullying, suicide, healthy teen dating, open homicide cases, missing people and much more.

The "Save The Youth Tour" Mission is to create and support a safe and trustworthy environment where we, as teenagers, know that whatever challenges we struggle with, they can contact me or my team anytime and that this tour is the place where they will find peers that have faced or are facing the same challenges they face.

The "Save The Youth Tour" is for teens led by teens and is part of my nonprofit Meo's World and it is a place where I encourage teens, to support each other, and share wisdom. A place where we understand that we share common challenges and that we are not alone.



The "Save The Youth Tour" will give teens the outlet to express themselves, offer peer-to-peer support, reflection, critical analysis, leadership, career development, cultural awareness and bring much needed education and resources to cities all over the world not just the United States. I believe if teenagers can share their difficulties freely and safely with their peers and adults that are truly there to help and guide them, there won't be any more stigmas or taboo subjects for us to struggle with, and teens will start to believe in themselves and in their future..

***The Save The Youth Tour is led "by teens - for teens".***

It is a unique tour designed by a teen, for teens where we help each other and share our stories, concerns and experiences. The tour will give youth a platform to address and share challenges, enabling them to creatively express themselves about what they face while also seeing that within this safe, supportive, collaborative environment, they are not alone. As a result, this will be a very supportive teen-led community tour.

Teens will also be supported by the adult team, who will provide resources, facilitate collaborative Google Hangout meetings online to connect teens in different locations, and they will offer free workshops with community leaders in their area, connect the teens to mentors, counselors and shelters in their area.

There will also be other benefits from the Save The Youth Tour. Teens will get trained as a discussion leader to be even better at supporting their peers during casual discussions or while creating their projects and speaking events.

- Create social media posts to show how teens are facing challenges.
- Help put on events that raise awareness and amplify teens' voices.

This Tour will give the youth a platform where they matter. It will encourage them to have faith in themselves. Many teens have a testimony, but may need time to find their voice or to get the courage to share their story. The “Save The Youth Tour” will hopefully build their courage up and show them they are not alone, that it’s ok to open up and share their story. It could save someone's life. I want them to see that everyone is unique. We all have our own stories. No need to compare yourself to anyone else. We are all uniquely made.

The “Save The Youth Tour” will help them find their happy and empowered "Self". Sometimes the journey is long and hard. But it is worth it. And you don't have to fight alone. It's a whole village of people willing to stand and fight with you!!

To learn more about the Meoshia Burgess, The Save The Youth Tour and the many other amazing things we're doing check out social media or email me directly.

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The Coronavirus also known as COVID-19 is a virus that has been spreading all over the globe. Our immune system is the good guy and the Coronavirus is the bad guy. The virus looks like a circular ball with spikes on it, which is where it gets its name from. Corona means “crown” in Latin. The most reported cases are currently in New York. It has been going around for some time now and it has just reached the United States of America. It is called COVID-19 because it has been around since 2019, but no one noticed it until 2020.



Wuhan, China was the first country to report the Coronavirus. They are responsible for making the virus. It is stated that someone worked in a seafood market in Wuhan, China was infected with a virus from an animal. The reports state that this animal was a Pangolin. This is a scaly mammal that looks like an anteater. The rest is the result of our pandemic today. This virus has been transmitted to other places and countries. It is now in the United States of America and has been reported that New York has the largest number of cases.

Now the virus is here in Huntsville, Alabama. We have to practice social distancing, because of the virus. We need to help the elderly. When the virus gets into the body of an elderly person, and their immune system may be very weak, the virus attacks their throat and lungs. This virus is a part of the SARS-COV 2 family. SARS-COV 2 can cause the Coronavirus. The shape of the virus has “spikes” that act as a key to enter into your lungs. One spike on the virus enters a receptor molecule on your healthy cell membrane and acts like a key into a lock. This action allows the virus to get inside your cell and travel to your cell nucleus. The Coronavirus on the other hand does not need to enter the cell nucleus. It can directly access the host cell called Ribosome. This causes an entire new cell formation. Then it starts to multiply.

Once this happens, the virus starts to spread and attach itself to other parts of the body then it causes the body to break down. One of the ways to keep from contracting the virus is to wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. A good rule of thumb is to sing the melody "Happy Birthday" song two times. This will allow the soap and water to kill the virus on your hands. Your hands are very important because they are one of the ways that the virus is transmitted to others. Another way if you do not have soap and water is to use hand sanitizer. If you cannot buy it at the store, then you can make some on your own at home.

Some reports say to wear a face mask so you will not get the virus. You can purchase these masks or you can make your own. You can get creative with your masks and make them fun and exciting. This has not been promised to keep you from getting the virus, but it may help. Also, we should practice social distancing.

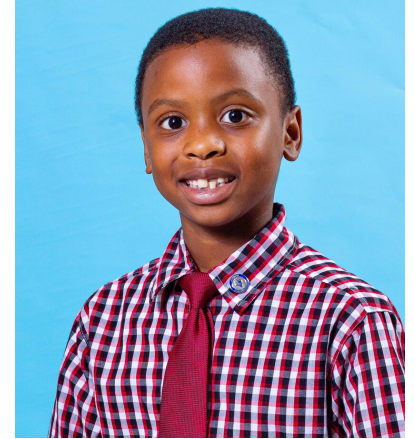
The Corona virus has affected four of my family members within the last week. My Great Aunt passed away from the Coronavirus last week. She lived in Maryland. It was very sad. It was not a long period of time from when they told us she had the disease until the time she passed away. My Great Uncle is in the hospital with the virus and is very sad. He will not be able to attend his wife's funeral. Now, my Great Granddaddy and my Great Grandmother has tested positive for the virus. She is currently in the hospital with unstable breathing problems.

As of today, my Great Grandmother's condition is getting better. I hope that she can come home from the hospital real soon. My Great Granddaddy is under self-isolation at home. He is going to stay in the house for 14 days and I hope that he will recover soon. I will call and ask him if he needs anything every day, so we can make sure he is comfortable. I want them to get better so they can be in the same house again and I will be able to see them.



In conclusion, I am totally unhappy about the Coronavirus-COVID-19 and how it has affected so many people and their loved ones. I hope that they will find a cure for this awful virus. If I was making a cure, I would get right on it. Once I had the cure, I would send it to all of the hospitals in the world that has patients that have the virus. I would make sure that they have some extra doses to give new people that come to the hospital. I would make sure that all the doctors and nurses know how to administer the vaccine to each patient.

I would make a list of all the names of the people that have been cured from the virus using my vaccine. This would help in determining the number of people that have been cured and the number of people that have not been cured. It will be published for future news reports so that they can be better prepared for the next outbreak pandemic



The Corona virus Disease or COVID-19 is a kind of virus that was created in Wuhan, China. The real name is Novel Corona virus 2. The Corona virus is spread through close contact of people. It may be spread by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or possible their eyes. The virus was started in 1960 and it was originally in animals and then it moved to people. In Wuhan China, this was very prominent, they sold animals instead for selling seafood and this is very toxic to humans. It was detected in December 2019 and was said to be very harmful if not treated and handled properly. This virus goes through an incubation period.

This is the time that the virus is contracted and the time the symptoms show up in your body. This time frame can range from 2 to 14 days. It's a special kind of virus that we created to get rid of people. Now that it has been going around for some time, it has finally got to the United States of America. New York has the most reported cases of COVID-19 and now we have to practice social distancing and washing our hands. Now this does not mean the world is coming to an end, it just means that now jobs are closing down and everything we would like to do has been changed. We can only do essential things. Such as: going to the grocery store, pick up prescriptions from the pharmacy, going to the gas station, going to your doctor appointments and caring for another family member in another household.

So, this ultimately means that we have to stay 6ft apart, which is known as Social Distancing. This does not mean that we can not say "Hi" or "Hello". We can talk to our friends with Facetime, Hang Outs, Zoom and video chats. We have to communicate with our friends, family and clients using these features. These are ways you can communicate with them without being so close to them. These are ways that we can stay connected through social distancing.



To stay safe, make sure you wash your hands whenever you can get to soap and water, make sure you sneeze in your elbow, and make sure you get tested for the Coronavirus if you feel ill or weak.

This is a health tip to help you stay safe during this Pandemic. The most important procedure that you can do to keep you and your family safe is to wash your hands. Hand hygiene is going to work out for you and most likely you will not get the virus. And make sure when you go to the stores-that is only if you need to-make sure it is a necessity. That means that you need something in order to survive. If you do not need anything, Please stay at home. Do not go out for fun stuff. This would include things like: going to the movies, going to the library, going to birthday parties, going to the toy store, inviting people to your house and traveling on an airplane. Only go out for what you need.

This is will help everyone to stay safe and keep the virus from spreading from person to person. It will slow down the possibility of someone giving the virus to someone else.ome people may be carrying the virus and will give the virus to others and not even know that they have the virus.hese people are asymptomatic. In the event that you contract the Coronavirus-test positive, there are some very valuable steps that you will need to adhere to.

You will need to stay home and isolate yourself. This is called self-isolation. You will need to quarantine yourself for at least 14 days, stay away from others and go back to the doctor when you are at the end of your 14 day quarantine. You will need to make sure that you keep everything clean around you and wash your hands all the time. Your house will need to be disinfected daily and make sure you clean your face mask also. Once you go back to the doctor, they will administer another test so you can check to see if your test is Negative.

## - MICHAEL LOUIS -

My family has been affected because of this Pandemic. My Great Aunt, has passed away from the contracting the virus. She was married to my Great Uncle and now he has tested positive for the Coronavirus also. He is in the hospital and not feeling too well.

I have another family member- my Great-Grandmother is suffering from it. She is currently in the hospital. I pray that she will get better and be home soon. My Great Grandfather has the virus too. He has to stay home in self-isolation for 14 days and I hope that they both will live and get better soon. I want to help him get better. We can help him by going to the grocery store, paying his bills and running some errands for him. This will help him stay in the house to get better and not spread the virus to other people.

As we continue to listen to the news and learn about all the new cases of the virus, we are praying that people will just listen and follow the guidelines from the Center of Disease Control. The information that they tell us is very good and people should just stay at home and listen to what is best for them and their family. So many people and families have been affected because of this virus, and I would like for that to come to an end. Hopefully, they will be able to create a cure for the Coronavirus. The cure will slow down the spread of this Pandemic and prepare us for the Pandemic to come. This would be great for people that are ill and hopefully, it will help people before they get really sick.





I've got cabin fever. That is the easiest way to describe Covid-19's impact on my life. At first being inside all day and not having to go to school seemed fine by me, until I discovered we would be out indefinitely. It started off smoothly, lying around doing nothing, the first few weeks I didn't really do anything but watch Good Times. But, after those first couple of weeks the seemingly extra-long vacation turned into something else. The impossible happened. The most perfect idealistic way to spend time became boring. Sitting around and watching TV, playing video games, and doing absolutely nothing save for a few chores used to seem like the most perfect situation you could be in. However, now, it is almost impossible to find joy in the things that at one point I could not wait to run and go do.

Another thing that has been hard is things like what to eat for lunch and what to have for dinner. Because we are not supposed to go to the store as much we usually eat on something for multiple days or have fried fish one day and baked fish the next. It gets a little repetitive, but because everything my mom makes is delicious, I really do not complain too much. At first we did not even go out for any type of fast food, even the places that are known for good service and quality food. Just the other weekend I had my first Chick-fil-A since February. It seems like it would not be hard to go without little things such as fast food, but most people have hard wired their brains into thinking that they do indeed need it and I'm not really ashamed to admit that I'm one of those kinds of people.

Schooling has also changed dramatically. I actually prefer working by myself and completing my own lessons. I also do not really miss going to school that much. A lot of people think that is strange of me to feel, but when I was in private school we had our little booklets we did work out of. It is basically like how we are completing our work now, but we moved on to new topics at our speed and not the teachers.

## - AYANNA WILLIAMS-

I am also not really missing the social aspects of school. I basically keep to myself at school, I have a few close friends and plenty of acquaintances, but none of them are really people I miss and want to go see immediately. So overall all I enjoy doing school in this way rather than the traditional way.

A few things that I have been doing more of are spending time with my family, cooking breakfast, and reading. Since we have been out of school I have read the Left Behind series for the first time and also all the classic books that I borrowed from my grandmother's house that I had never got around to reading and am currently working on reading every book on my bookshelf for a fourth time. Normally I would spend just a little bit of time with my family because typically everyone would have done a lot of work during the week and then wanted to keep to themselves on the weekends, but now that only one of the four of us working, we are all able to spend more time doing things we usually would not have to time to do.

My Mom and I really didn't do much of anything together before we were quarantined, but since we have been we've discovered a shared love for classic movies and musical theatre. She also introduced me to some of her favorite productions and I introduced hers to some of mine. Me and my little brother have been playing together a little bit more and trying to watch things and get along with each other better, but I'm sure you can imagine what it is like to try and be sentimental with an almost teenage boy.

My dad and I are still the same we tell goofy jokes and laugh about things other adult would call dumb and a waste of time, but he doesn't think that. Just the other day I was about to watch a musical and he said he wanted to watch it, that is until he found out it was a musical. However, he still stayed and watched the movie and I like to believe he tried to enjoy it.

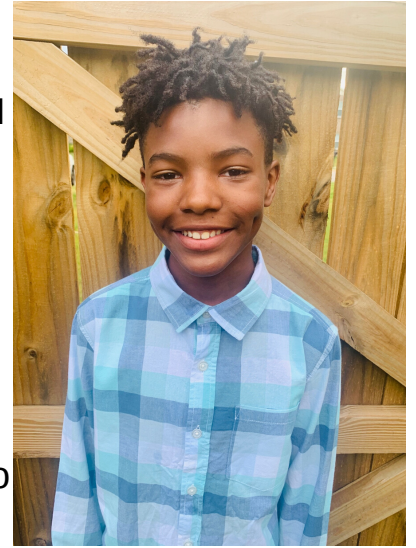
One last thing I've had more time to do is cook breakfast. Breakfast is not only the most important meal of the day it is also my favorite one to cook, and it's not just because it's the only meal I know how to cook.

Cooking breakfast is a nice and easy way to show somebody that you're thinking about them and how you appreciate them. My mom cooks breakfast every Sunday and we watch church and eat it together. But my day to cook is usually on Thursday or Friday. I cook on Thursdays sometimes because that is the other day that everyone is home together. On a typical Thursday I would cook scrambled eggs, some sausage, and some toast or waffles.

These are the best things to cook when everybody is home because everybody likes to eat all of those foods and no one needs any special treatment if those things are cooked. When I cook on a Friday it is usually just for me and my brother so I'll make either oatmeal or cheese grits, fried or boiled eggs, and either warm up some more sausage or fry some lunchmeat. These are all things I like to do anyway so they never seem like just "quarantine things" or things that I will stop doing when we're allowed to be out and about again.

In conclusion while I am going kind of insane looking at the same walls and the same rooms and the same furniture basically all day every day. I am also glad that I am able to find bright, happy spots to keep me in good spirits and not a constant feeling of cabin fever and going crazy.





If I was president of the United States when Covid-19 started, I would make sure that not a single person in the US would get coronavirus by enforcing lots of tests, and here is how I would accomplish that. One of the first things that I would do as president is to ban all travel to and from the US except for citizens that had left the US for vacation. If they were in China when the outbreak started, they would have a forty-eight hour time period to get to the airport, to be tested, and come back to the US. Anywhere else would have a ninety-six hour time period to follow these regulations.

They all would be tested at least three times before getting on the plane. If they tested positive, they would be put under quarantine for at least two weeks. If they were without coronavirus, they would be tested a few more times before they were let on the plane. Once everyone got onto the plane and got into their seats they would be tested again. If they tested positive, then they would be escorted to a room by themselves on the plane until their results were negative. They would have to be tested again before they are let off of the plane. Everyone on the plane would be tested one more time before they were finally let off of the plane.

Once all the planes got back safely, I would ban all travel to the US. If anyone left the US, they either would be tested multiple times, or they would not be let back in the US. I would also make sure that no Chinese exports would be let in the US. Nothing I mean NOTHING that is imported that says made in China will be allowed. We will make sure that nothing from China is smuggled in either. We will enforce many rules to make sure that nothing is brought in. NOT EVEN CHINESE FOOD. As much as I like Chinese food, it can't be allowed to be imported. After all of that is taken care of, then I would collaborate with other countries to find a vaccine for this virus. I would go about this by figuring out exactly how it started before it spreads to the point where I would not be able to figure it out. Once that is figured out, I would have to figure out what animals can transmit it.

Then, I would see if anyone is immune to it. While I'm waiting for that to happen, I will see the conditions it has on people, and who is the most vulnerable to it. After that, I would wait to see if anything special cases or anything else happened.

I would also start planning for if there was an outbreak in the U.S. I would do that by making sure that everyone would be able to get the supplies that they need to quarantine. I would also make sure that everything for students would be able to get online. If they don't have a device to access the internet, I will try to get them the things that they will need. If I can't do that, then I would make sure that they get a printed copy of their work.

As far as businesses go, I would make sure things like grocery stores, hospitals, and police stations are able to still be open. For stores, I would only allow a few people at a time in the store. The people who are waiting will stay in their vehicle till they are told that they can go into the store. I would also make the rule where you can only take 3 items per aisle. I would make it to where there is a 6 foot line between each person with hand sanitizer at the beginning and end of it.

When it comes to hospitals, I would only allow emergencies like having broken bones and people being really sick. If it is something like the flu, it wouldn't be an emergency. If it was something like a heart attack, it would be an emergency. While you are being treated, you will be tested for coronavirus. If you are tested positive, you will be treated in a glass room where machines can treat you. If any errors occur, the doctors will be able to treat you without putting themselves at greater risk to catch it.

For restaurants, you would only be able to pick up the food or get it delivered. I would also make sure that the employees are touching the food with gloves and not their bare hands. If they don't follow those rules they will be closed until further notice

When it comes to post offices, I would keep them open because I believe that people will want to send letters to each other more than usual (because of the fact that we are (social distancing)). I would make sure that everyone would be wearing masks and gloves so they don't get each other sick or get germs on the packages or mail so then the people that are receiving them don't get sick.

In conclusion, these are the precautions and preventive measures that i would take if I were the president of the United States when Covid-19 started. I know that not all of these things would be able to be changed, but some of them could actually be. Before it started, I had to wake up, go to school, do homework, go to bed and repeat. Now, it feels like things slowed way down. Now I have lots of free time to do things that I wanted to but just didn't have the time to.

Also, I've been able to do more things with my family like riding bikes, drawing with chalk, flying kites, playing soccer, taking a walk on a trail, and more. I want it to be over now!

QUICKLY, IT'S DRIVING ME INSANE!!!

## - ZOEI GREENE - AGE 8

Hi! My name is Zoie I am 8 years old. I go to Monrovia Elementary and I felt sad 😞 when I found out we weren't going back to school. I really missed my desk and my friends. I decided that I would try to find things to do around the house that were fun. I'm going to tell you some stuff I have been doing during the quarantine.



I built this LEGO fair set with my dad in three days.



- ZOEI GREENE -



My parents were so sweet, they made my sister and I a tent. We were 😊 chilling in here all day.



My favorite thing to do is go outside and play basketball and ride my bike. This is the bike that I got for my birthday ☐ I love my bike ☐ !

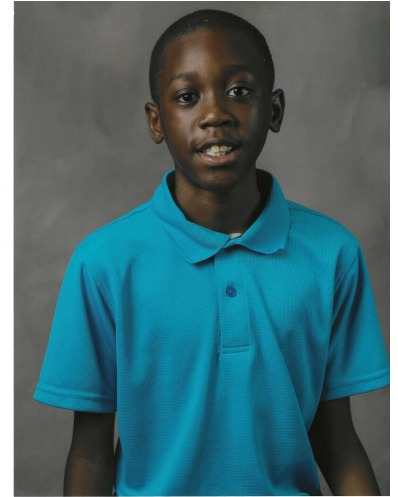
- ZOEI GREENE -

I have enjoyed spending time with my family while at home. I hope you do to .  
The most important thing I have learned during COVID is that it is important to  
wash your hands and take bath's so you can stay clean. I hope you have fun!



## - CORNEL STALLINGS -AGE 13

My name is Cornel and I am 13 years old and I am going to tell you how covid changed my covid changed my life. I am home schooled through k12 and because of covid our school closed. We are a public virtual school so when other schools in Alabama closed so did, we. My best friend who goes to school moved in to do his schoolwork on our Wi-Fi. We were still able to do our schoolwork but was not mandatory to do it. I did it anyway so I would not be behind when we did go back. It was weird how everything changed so quickly. I got used to being with my friends at Huntsville Community Drumline and could not see them anymore. We traveled all over the city performing, suddenly, we could not do that either.



My mom would take my sister, Best Friend and myself to the school and pick up lunch. My mom said it saved so much money on groceries. So, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. When we did go to the store there were so many rules. Wear a mask, do not touch your face, stay 6 feet from other people, no hugging, shaking hands. My mom said just do not touch anything. I miss my Aunt and cousins and the only time we get to see them is facetime. I have 3 new cousins 2 I have not met yet because of Covid. I finally finished school and I am glad because It became stressful. Going back after 3 weeks just felt different.

My Mom always have big birthday parties for us. I usually have 30 or more friends and family at my party, but this year was different because of Covid-19. It was my mom, stepdad, sister and my best friend at my party this year. My Birthday is in May and on a Monday this year. My mom decorated and made my cake. She always makes my cakes. Anything I asked to eat we had. Chicken wings, hamburgers, hotdogs, bake beans and potato salad. We also had cake and ice cream, fried Oreo cookies, and smores. We watched the new scooby movie and sonic. It was smaller than usually, but it was a fun quarantine birthday party. The next day my family and friends from all over got on zoom for a virtual birthday party the singing was horrible, but it was nice to see everybody.



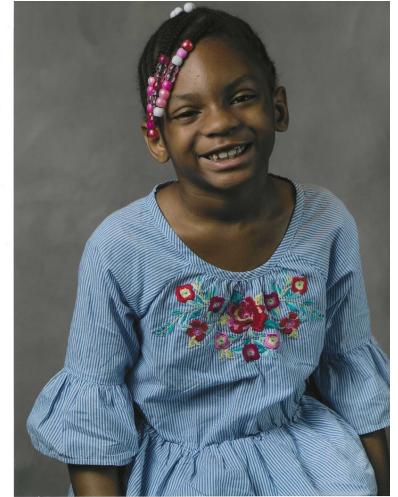
## - CORNEL STALLINGS -AGE 13

We are back now practicing for the drumline and I am happy that I get to see everybody again. We did a few zoom practices, but it was not the same. I missed them so much. I only go for the two days for now. Since it is summer, they are open for open drum. When we got back there were some changes. We had to wear masks, we do most of our practicing outside and 6 feet apart.

We also went back to the Young Marines and it is the same thing too. I have worked on my businesses since lock down. We started selling lemonade again. Business is booming. Summer plans have been cancelled specially to go to camp that my family and I go every year. Social distancing and wearing mask outside in 100-degree weather is a No. My mom is going to help us make the best of it.

## - TIANA WILSON -AGE 9

My name is Tiana Wilson and I am 9 years old. I am homeschooled through k12.com. I take dance lessons, and I have been dancing 4 years. I have taken ballet, hip hop, tap, Jazz and now Acro, but not in that order. I also am learning to play the piano. I own my own business called Miss Tea. I sell mugs, water bottles Lil Tia notebooks, among other gifts.



When Covid happened our schedule did not change with school. We still had class with our teachers, and then we get the word that school was cancelled until April 6 like the other schools. My mom said it did not make sense because we learned from home. Even though we are homeschooled we are part of the public-school system. I was excited that I did not have to do any more schoolwork. I was wrong. My mom made me do some work. So, when it was time to go back it was easy to start again.

Kason, my brother's friend who stayed with us was confused what to do about his work. Our teachers did not teach us anymore, when we came back, but was there for support. They called all the time. I no longer went to dance or to piano. We did not even get a chance to say goodbye. I missed them so much. Especially my friend Karma. I have continued my lessons through zoom for dance and piano and it feels weird.

It got worse when we could not see anybody, hug anybody, high five. I missed my cousins, big sister and little nephew. My other sister did not come for spring break, but I am glad she did not because she is greedy. I had 3 little cousins here in Huntsville that have been born, but I am not able to meet them because of the Corona Virus. There is nowhere to go, nothing to do because everything was closed. All events got cancelled. My mom and dad did not take us to the store when they went grocery shopping to keep us safe from getting sick. We would go to the school to pick up our lunch and we would come home. Mom said it was our weekly field trip. Mother's Day was when we were able to go to the store because we had to buy Mother's Day cards.

**- TIANA WILSON -AGE 9**

We also had my brother's first birthday party online. My mom throws big parties for us. My brother turned 13 and we had his birthday party at home, and we had it between the back yard roasting marshmallows and the living room watching a movie.

Now when we go out, we wear our mask that my mom made us. I do not want to be sick, so we make sure our mask is on when we are out. We use sanitizer when we get in the car. And wash our hands when we get home and never touch our face... which is hard. I hope Covid goes away so I can see my friends and family again.

**-MADISYN MARSHALL -AGE 11**

The coronavirus is affecting my life because I can't see my family and friends. Some people have lost their jobs and some have even lost their life. Now on T.V. there are a lot of shootings and killings. Some cops are trying to help their communities and some are killing black people for no reason. Students are missing out on school, graduations, prom and stuff like that. High school students are missing out on a lot.



Also, in stores, they are limiting items per customer, like toilet paper, soap, food and more. What's really affecting everyone is staying at home. I know that walking your dog or running is a good way to get out of the house to lose weight and to get fresh air. You don't have to wear a mask to go walking. You can't go to a lot of places because they are only letting a certain number of people in big stores, like Walmart. Make sure to wear your mask when you are in the store, wash your hands and stay safe. Try to stay home as much as possible, but still try to keep in touch with your family and friends.

## - KURT MARSHALL-AGE 10

The coronavirus has affected me because it has made the stores go almost empty. It affects the lungs and also the heart. I always pray that whoever has the coronavirus can stay safe and not lose their life. I can help by giving away goods to people that need it. I couldn't believe that the Publix did not have germ-x for like 3 days.



We have to work together to help each other during the coronavirus pandemic. This virus is getting a lot of attention, it looks like a crown. It is airborne and it's scary. Now because of coronavirus I have to stay home and do boring homework. I like to get educated, but I also like playing sports and games with my friends.

Some bacteria is good for you, but some bacteria can wipe out the defense system in your body. I hope that I don't have to go to boring daycare since my summer program was cancelled. I feel mad and scared because of the coronavirus pandemic.



## - TEMITORO BAILEY-AGE 14

I had plans. Before the CoronaVirus Outbreak that is. I was a 13 year old 8th grader who was about to graduate middle school and become a freshman. I had everything for the day I graduated planned out. I was going to turn 14 in April and write thank you notes to everyone who taught me and helped me grow. I wanted to thank everyone from my teachers to the lunch ladies and custodians. I was going to make memories on school trips with my friends that I wasn't going to the same high school with.



Then COVID-19 happened which changed everything. I wasn't going to get to go on the show choir competition trip that I was selling handmade products and homemade deserts for. That trip was going to be my huge breaking out moment as a 14 year old because I had never gone to Cincinnati before. I mean I still turned 14 and graduated but it was not the same. As much as the CoronaVirus brought me time to make up new recipes and practice my crafts, it also brought about fear. Fear that my family, friends, and I could become one of the statistics being reported on the news constantly.

Fear that my parents who still had to go to work despite the outbreak would be the next people I heard about on the television. While I appreciated the news for letting us stay up to date on the COVID-19, I started to detest them because it was all you ever heard about anymore.

In closing my answer to your question in simple terms would be, "The CoronaVirus changed my life by bringing about fear and destroying long laid plans."

## - SANIYYA HUNT-AGE 11

I'm prepared for an animal invasion!

What would you do if there was an animal invasion in which you were forced to hide in the safety of your house until the animals were subdued and contained? 3 months ago I would've had no idea, but today I have a pretty good idea and I feel confident I would survive.

My name is Saniyya Hunt and I have learned a lot from COVID-19. I am 11 years old and I am the CEO of Sassy G Nailz, I make and sell low toxin nail polish. This quarantine really impacted my business. Usually I would have been doing vending events or going to nursing homes to give free manicures with my Sassy Squad but I can't.

During this quarantine I have been locked up in the house for a long time, probably the longest I have ever been grounded in my life. It hasn't been great because I haven't seen any of my friends and it is hard to talk to them because they all have different schedules. If I am at the store, they are at home on zoom and if I am at home they aren't home. When we do get a chance to connect on zoom the internet is annoying so it is a little hard to communicate with my friends.

Quarantine has also been pretty good. Like I said, I am better prepared. I have more things that I need to prepare for just in case we have to be quarantined again, like if there is an animal uprising and we have to stay in our house. Seriously, quarantine was rough at first, but after a while I was able to learn how to deal with this and now it is like second nature. Although quarantine has helped me it has been hard. I had to do school online and I have to do chores

Usually I do my chores after school but since I am home every day I have to set an alarm to remind me to do certain things. Sometimes it's annoying but it works. My sleeping pattern is probably destroyed for life; I can't even hear an alarm to wake me up anymore.



## - SANIYYA HUNT-AGE 11

While this quarantine experience is just my experience, maybe you can relate. If you can relate, hopefully reading my thoughts helps you cope with the quarantine. Remember we will get through this together and it will soon be over. Be Kind. Be Confident and Create a Beautiful World.

## - KAELYN REDDON-AGE 12

My name is Kaelyn and my corona experience has been different from others. Even before we all had to wear masks and gloves, I usually stayed inside. After I completed elementary school me and my mom decided that I would be homeschooled. Some days we would go on field trips and play on the swings but overall I did my work inside.

When all this coronavirus started there wasn't a big change. Different food started being sold out in stores. I adjusted what I ate because of that. I still got to talk to my friends on the phone and I still did my work. We play games and they would talk about how this has impacted them.

One of my friends misses school. She wants to see her other friends there. Before we were in quarantine they were supposed to be out of school for 2 weeks. When they learned that schools were going to be online for the rest of the year they were excited and sad.

Another change was the grocery stores. When we went to the grocery store, there were many people that had no masks. They were talking loud and laughing on the phone. Most of them seemed not to care that they might be spreading disease. These are the things that has changed for me.



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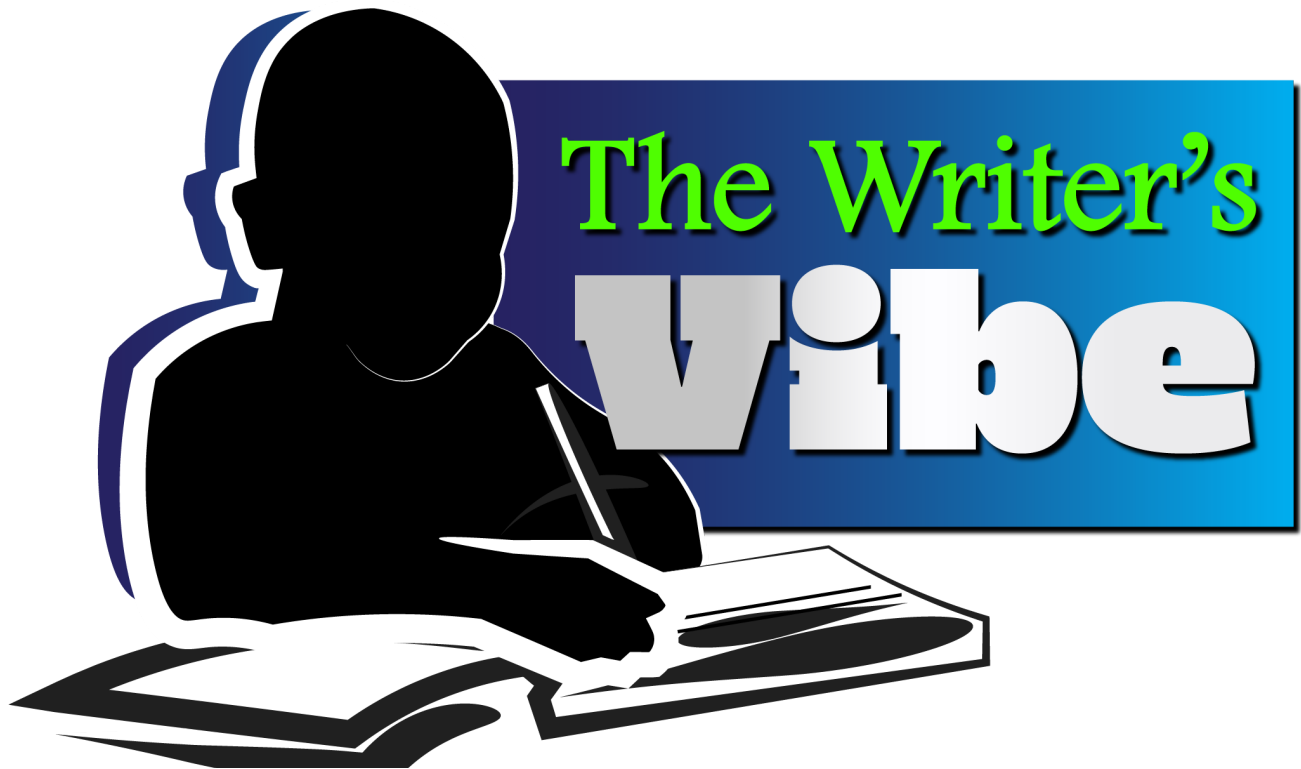
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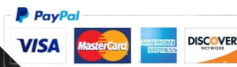
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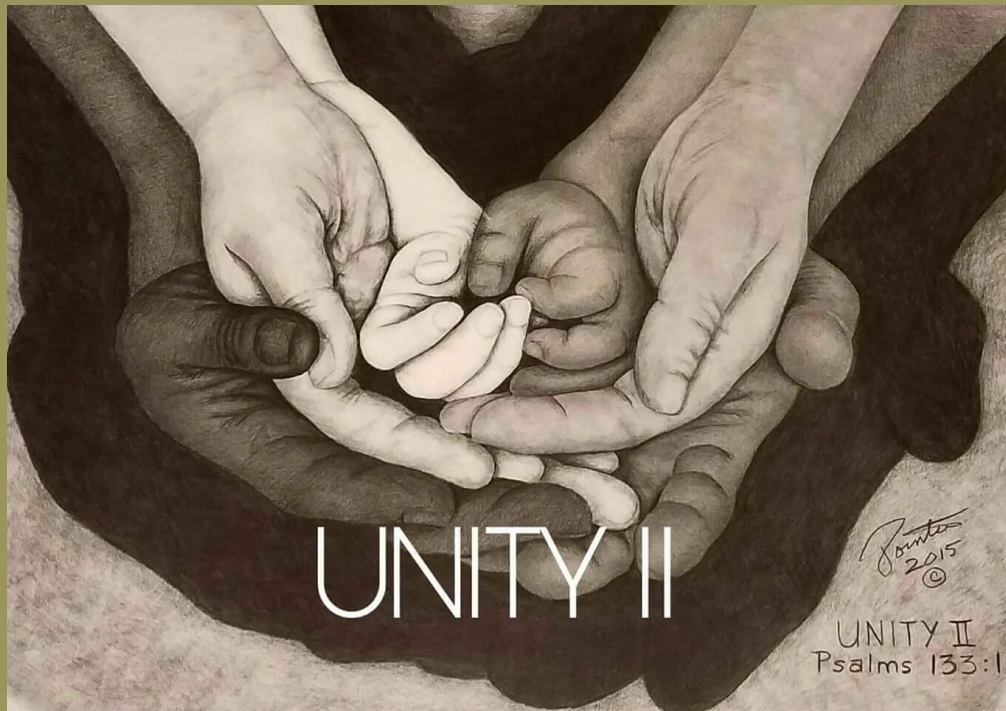
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