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My name is Shakeithia Wade. I'm in the 11th grade and I attend Genesis High School. I will be telling you about my neighborhood and the people that I'm, around everyday.

I stay on 13th and Concordia, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I grew up in this neighborhood and everyone knows me and my family. I've been in this house for about 10 years. I've seen people come and go. The thing that I like about my neighborhood is the people! My neighborhood has many different people. Drug users, drug dealers, tough guys and girls, kids and adults. But I am my own person!

In my neighborhood you will see fighting, lots of police and you will hear gunshots. It may sound strange but the environment that I stay in is not dangerous to me. Maybe because I already know what's going on.

What does my neighborhood mean to me? It means a lot to me. It means a lot to me family too. My family chose to stay in the community to teach my brother and I the importance of community accountability and education.

Writing this essay about my neighborhood has given me the opportunity to think about my community and where I come from. I know where I come from and I know where I'm going.