

# JDC NEWSLETTER

## The Kids That Grew Out Of Trouble

I used to get in trouble when  
 I was young but when I  
 Got older I learned from the past  
 To make a better future  
 Because I'm trying to be  
 A successful man in life  
 By getting a good  
 ... to be continued

## The Good That Grew From The Bad

The Good that Grew from the bad. I know a young man named J.C. He was a young, nice man. He stayed with his mother and father but his mother got mad because he came home late. So she was telling him to be home at 7:30 but he was not listening to his mother. He had felt like he was getting treated like his nine-year-old brother, but his mother and father had four kids. He was the second old[est]. He had two brothers. One was 18 years old, the other was 13 years old. He had one sister, she was 12 years old. But he was feeling like he was the young[est]. But his sister can come in the house at 9:10, and his 13 year old brother can come in the house at 10:00, so he move with his grandmother and grandfather. He wanted to hide with some boys and they were robbing people and smoking weed and had guns. So he wanted to hide with them and smoke weed and rob people and have guns. So he was the one that got in trouble. So the police had caught him robbing somebody with a gun so he was the one that went to jail. The end of the story. The good that grew from the bad.

## The Love That Grew From Hate

Did you ever hate someone so much  
 You start to love 'em? Proving that  
 Hate is the only true love. But I  
 Can't relate, got a heart full of hate.

## COLLABORATIVE POETRY

This month's Positive Peer Leadership Mentoring session was dedicated to creating collaborative poetry books. The young men who participated in the discussions and writings in this newsletter issue were residents at the Miami Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center. Together the young men read the poem "The Rose That Grew from Concrete" written by Tupac Shakur, and used the poem and the book that goes by the same title to model their poems and poetry books. The books they started will be used in future PPLM meetings so that other young men can add their poems to the books.

## The Fight That Grew From Fritos

There was a boy one day that had some Fritos in  
 DJJ  
 The officer spotted the Fritos and approached  
 him  
 The boy refused and the boy and the officer  
 wrestled around  
 Before the officer called code blue, four officers  
 ran  
 In and wrapped him and took him and the Fritos  
 Still remained and he said the Fritos is  
 Still good till this day.

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### The Grape That Grew From The Cranberry Tree

Did you know about the  
Grape that grew from the  
Cranberry tree? It might  
Seem impossible, but in  
God's eyes any and everything  
is possible. In my life, I thought  
nothing was possible until God  
Showed me a way. That's why I am  
the man I am today.....

### The-Life Force's-

Life- Life is easy,  
Life is hard,  
Life is weird,  
Life is normal,  
In Life People think,  
People Don't  
In Life People Die,  
People Live,  
Life I wrote,  
People Rose!

### The Life Forces

Life, Life is easy life is hard.  
Life is weird, life is normal.  
In life people think, people don't.  
In life people die, people live.  
Life I wrote, people Rose!

The Life forces think about Life. Do you think about Life most of the time? Some people do some people don't. There is a lot of theory in Life. Because people have many things to say about Life. And many people believe that they believe. That's why I wrote "The Life Force's" because life is confusing in a way.

### The Man-Child That Grew From Humble Beginnings: Autobiographical

From friends to foes; young to old,  
Most likely of the least likely.  
Streets set on fire like a torch,  
Lessons unlearned.  
Improving life skills, dodging being killed.  
Police brutality corrupts the mind.  
Everyone observes. No one cares.  
Only thing I know. God won't give  
anything I cannot bear.

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**The Great That Grew From Poverty**

Did you hear about the great that grew from poverty?

**The Rose That Grew From Concrete**

I've seen a rose grow from under  
The ground before it was one day...

**The Seed That Grew From The Peach Tree**

Did you hear about the seed  
that grew from a peach  
in the tree?  
Having to not water the plant the  
Seed is built with water growing  
Inside the plant.  
The peach seed learned to sprout  
Without sunlight.  
R.I.P. the peach tree that grew without  
Sunlight. No one even visited it.  
The end.....

**The Youngen That Grew From The Ghetto**

I've been through the whole  
Book. I wonder sometimes  
Why has God put these  
Great obstacles in my life.  
But I remember every  
Now and then I'm still  
A youngen and I know  
Where I came from and  
Now I realize these  
Streets ain't for

Everybody. That's why

I'm gonna be what

I am supposed to

Be. I'm tired of

Waking up to concrete

Walls and a metal

Door but it's the

Consequences of

Committing a crime.

That's why I'm

Gonna make a change.

My girl and me.

It's my life; my own words I guess.

Have you ever loved someone so much you'd give an  
arm for them?

Once they know they were your heart and you know  
they were your armor.

And you'd destroy anyone who would try to harm  
her.

**A Good Life That Grew From Hard Times**

"Well" my life is filled with pain  
and suffering, but not my soul.  
So as I started to turn my life  
Around, the pain and suffering started  
to fade away like ice in a cup in the  
sun. So what I learned is that  
no matter how hard times get keep having faith  
in yourself.

**The Peach That Grew At The Beach**

The peach that grew at the beach. The beach  
Was not in peace until the peach grew at the beach.  
Anything is possible when  
You look on the bright side  
When you're in the dark.

**The Life That You Choose**

Which side of the life would you choose: the bad side or the good? If you choose the bad side, you would end up in jail or dead. If you choose the good side, you would live a peaceful life. If you ask me, I would want to live a peaceful life and have a great family. When I get out of jail this time I am not going to make bad decisions anymore and I will try to get a job and keep my mom happy instead of mad all the time so I will try to keep her happy at all time, and when my father comes, I will try to own a business to keep my family happy.

**The Man Now Guilty Of The Crime**

I am guilty of the crime I did but I was in the county jail for 9 months but I learned my lesson. What I did was not good, but I learned that a crime is not good and my life changed and I think that the 9 months I did made me a better man and I feel like the 9 months I did [was] good for me and if I did not go to jail I would've being dead and I thank God I [went] to jail for 9 months and this the end.....

**The Boy That Grew From The Struggles**

In the street there is nothing to gain well.  
See, the struggle is nothing but pain. I'm  
trying to search for the sun but I found the  
Rain. I'm trying to make my mom  
proud and bring her no shame.

**The Driver That Grew From The Seat**

Did you hear about the boy?  
His mother taught him how to  
Drive in the driver's seat.

**A Man That Grew With An Angry Father**

A man who grew up with an angry father. This man never liked his father at all because his angry father never showed his son any respect and never got his son what he wanted. His dad always beat him when he was a young boy and didn't show his son any discipline. His son did not learned anything at all and every day after school, when he arrived, his dad would curse him out for no reason so his son had a bad life and never liked his father at all. Even when he got older, his son didn't even want to see his own father's face. His son didn't even respect him as the father did not respect him also.

**A Man That Grew With An Angry Father**

This man wakes up everyday hearing his father mouth telling him get the hell!!! Out of here as he was a young boy at his time this young boy was always depressed the dad kicks him out every day telling him to get a life and grow the hell up this young boy always crying 'cause his dad was always disrespectful to him. As he grew up as a man he never liked his father at all.

**The Dream That Grew From A Nightmare!**

**Autobiographical**

There was a Dream that came from a Nightmare.  
It tortured and destroyed without care.  
It was slick and sneaky, popped up anywhere.  
It came without warning. It was slow, it was boring,  
But it always disappeared by morning.