

# Youth Violence Prevention Pledge

## Because:

- We know that children cannot grow and thrive in a place where they are not safe
- We care about the children in our community
- We are angry that people we know have been hurt
- We know that acts of violence are committed by youth daily
- We know that acts of violence are committed upon youth daily
- We know that youth violence more than doubles between the hours of 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- We know that for every single dollar spent on after-school programming, 3 dollars is spent on Wayne County Juvenile Facility
- We believe that youth violence will not end until ending it becomes a city-wide priority
- We accept our responsibility to assist in making this a safer city

## We Pledge to:

- Create policies and partnerships that will help end youth violence in Detroit
- Encourage children to be strong and powerful mentally, physically and spiritually, instead of finding strength in hurting others
- Listen to children's fears and concerns for their safety
- Express our anger about youth violence in a productive manner that finds ways to end that violence
- Support others who are working to end youth violence in Detroit

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Signature

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Print Name

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Date