



# DEBBIE NYEMBO

# #iwill

## CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Empathy | Social Justice | Compassion | Courage | Confidence



*Debbie Nyembo, 18 years old  
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**#iwill** ... engage with young members of Through Unity, help them to share their stories too in order to help other young people reject violence.

I share my story with others to support them through the same situation I found myself in 10 years ago. I was 8 years old when my father was attacked and killed near our home. My younger sister and I now volunteer with Through Unity to help other young people who have lost someone close to them through homicide.

We help the other young members of Through Unity as they deal with their grief and sadness from what has happened to them and their families. We also encourage them to go on to share their story. We think this is important as through sharing their stories of violence, we hope to deter other young people from going down that path.

By doing social action, sharing my family's story, and volunteering with Through Unity, I have reinforced my own feelings of confidence and self worth. Helping others with their grief is also helping me on my journey – and I strive to show people how to be strong and to see that even when one of the worst imaginable things happens, there is still hope!

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### Organisation I've Participated With:

Through Unity

