



# We See

## What We See Changes Who We Are

WITNESS Project Youth Page is made possible by the Margaret Clemons Foundation and The Ministry of Education

## Who Inspires Me

By WITNESS Youth Staff

The person who inspires me is very well known. You may not know her, but everyone on the WITNESS Team does! Her name is Ms. Margaret Clemons. She is a very determined person who strives for her goals no matter what. Helpfulness, Kindness, Loving and Caring are all part of her character. She is very funny and entertaining. She is very cooperative!

Ms. Margaret's homeland is the United States, but she loves Guyana and the people with all her heart -that I know for sure! If you have a problem, Ms. Margaret gets rid of it in a nick of time. Our happiness makes her happy, and if you are not well or happy, then she will find a way to make you so. She

considers everyone to be her family, which is very good; I like that.

Ms. Margaret hates to see violence because it hurts and influences the minds of the young and may make them want to do the same thing. If there is a way for her to change all the unmannerly, and rude people in the world, I know she will do it at any cost.

I must tell you that Ms. Margaret lives on coffee day after day, and cannot stay angry at anyone for a minute.

I admire Ms. Margaret and love her because she is a beautiful, intelligent, funny and loving person who doesn't only care for herself, but always cares for others. She inspires me!



Margaret Clemons, Founder of the WITNESS Project

## A Child's Prayer for his Mom

By WITNESS Youth Staff

Feeling the tear trickle down my eyes  
And my knees cold  
From kneeling on the rugged concrete  
My head tilted to the open sky,  
My hands held high  
Oh God, I pray,  
Please let me live another day

The wind's so cold tonight  
Wishing the fire burnt brighter

My heart thumps constantly  
My soul feels like it's leaving me  
I don't think I can wait much longer

Where'd you go mom?  
I've missed you so  
Please come back soon  
I'm lost without you.....

## What Do Guys Look For In Girls?

By WITNESS Youth Staff

There are millions and millions of girls in this world. However, they all come from different backgrounds and that will cause them to have different attitudes towards guys. Indeed there are bad guys out there that would want to cause harm to girls and also ill-treat them, but that doesn't mean that all guys are the same. Some qualities and things that normal guys would look for in girls are:

- \* They should be friendly and honest with you most of the time, if not all the time.
- \* They should respect you for whoever you are.
- \* They should always show love and care, for you.
- \* They should have a good sense of humour.
- \* They should be smart and should have a high self-esteem.
- \* They should always be confident in themselves.
- \* They should have a good understanding about situations and things.

## Bullying in School

By WITNESS Youth Staff

It was a Wednesday afternoon. The place was as cold as ice. It all happened after the school bell had rung for dismissal around 3:10 p.m. I had gone outside to wait for my school bus to come to pick me up. While I was standing there, I looked through the school's fence and I saw a sixth form boy chasing a second former that I knew. The second former stubbed his toe, fell on the ground and was left crying. The sixth former went into the

child's pocket and took out his money. When he finished he tried to escape, but he was stopped by a teacher from our school and was taken to the headmistress. After a couple of minutes the teacher came out of the school. Some of my school friends asked him, "What happened to that bully?" and he said, "He will be suspended and he will have to clean the entire school compound because of his misbehaviour."

## Long Lost Fan

By WITNESS Youth Staff

The minute I saw him my heart raced with excitement. My face lit up like a candle flame, for he was coming towards me. As splendid as he looked, I knew he was angry. His puffed up face told it all. He started to raise his voice as he pointed his finger in her face. She would not listen. She always had her way with him. I guess she thought it was one of those days. Ply! His strong hand struck her face. Suffused with shame and disappointment she quickly entered the boat.

I began to feel shallowness within me, as sadness rapidly emerged. I would have never believed it, had it not been for the evidence of my eyes. He was my star, my idol, my favorite singer. Some things we will never know. Like, why is the sky blue? Or how high up is it really? Like why would my favorite artist slap his girl? Or why did I have to see it happen? Newton wrote, "For every action there is a positive and equal reaction." He slapped her - that's an action, but the crowd didn't react to it. Is it that these principles don't apply to

this kind of situation? Or has abusing women suddenly become a norm?

Anger reared within me, and then shut down my system. And I heard voices in my head saying, "God damn it...I hate you!" As my heart wept, I reminisced about all the wonderful music he showered on the nation. It's ironic that he would sing about love and harmony and yet not act accordingly. Why should we hit someone when we can appreciate them? Why be dishonest when you can be honest? Why give up when you can try? It's called making choices; I guess some people just make bad choices. For that, I threw away his cds, tore his pictures off my wall, and burnt the autograph I tried so long to get, and flushed away his memories.

It was hard, for I felt as if the life had been sucked out of me, but he just had to go. I would rather lose the love, the respect and the honor I had for him, than to encourage domestic violence.

## WITNESS Project Youth Reporters

- Kwesi Archer
- Haresh Bhagwan
- Judith Cameron
- Mark Davidson
- Reanna Douglas
- Daisha Henry
- Verney Henry
- Shakera Hoosain
- Danita Jaundoo
- Kevon Jones
- Linda-Deyi Lin
- Chantel Lewis
- Fiona Maughn
- Teriq Mohammad
- Krissy Morgan
- Kimberly Morgan
- Kaesia Munroe
- Nakasi Noel
- Marcel Persaud
- Rajendra Ramesh
- Devi Sankar
- Anthony Vishnu

"What we see changes who we are." – JR

Are you a witness or victim of violence? You are not alone. Make your anonymous call to Help & Shelter today and speak with a live counselor on 227-3454 or 225-4731.