

## I AM FROM...

I am from dark secrets, lies and misery.

I am a presentation of the result of abuse and trauma.

I am from a single mother household where I raised my brothers as my own children.

I am from a neighborhood where children are not granted the opportunity of a life past 14 years old.

I watched my friends walk into the doors of death.

I am from low financial opportunities.

I am from cards meant to lose at life.

I am from a river of flowing tears and a dark sky of despair.

I am from America, a land which promises to celebrate the individuality of others.

I have experienced the exact opposite.