



Trevvor Trobough

Trevvor is a junior at Service High School and he hopes to work in the automotive maintenance industry in the future. He loves chess, helping out other people, playing video games, and is the girls' varsity basketball manager at the high school.

One of Trevvor's challenges was dealing with his parents' alcohol problem. At six or seven years old, Trevvor's parents would come home to indulge in alcoholic beverages until they got wasted. His parents' problems became worse as he got older until they started neglecting and abusing him. He faced the problem by himself, not letting anyone help for most of his childhood. The stress of his situation became too great. He said he never took the problem to school, but it showed in his mood and appearance that something was wrong.

Trevvor went to Providence Crisis Center and was informed he had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and says that "the great thing about PTSD is that it is only a temporary thing." Trevvor lives with his foster dad, who Trevvor says is a "really cool guy," and Trevvor says he's learned to be "more responsible, respectful, independent, kind, confident, and mature. However the most important thing I am learning," Trevvor writes, "is that I can be dependent on people and trust others more."

Trevvor writes, "racism has been a dreadful part of our past, present, and hopefully not our future. One of the things I am doing is standing up to the people who are racist. There are people who say the "N" word like it means nothing. I walk up to those people and tell them that is wrong to say, and they say, 'Well I am black,' or 'We are friends, so it is okay.' I tell them it is not okay; you should study your history." As for empowering women, Trevvor serves as a role model for a 9th grade girl who gets picked on a lot. He is helping her to see that people care about her and encouraging her to do better in school, and trying to be a true friend.