Dear Wendy,

I am a freelancer based in Dallas, TX, and I have a story idea I believe your readers would be interested in.

Seventeen-year-old Daniel Dotson is the second of six children being raised by a single mother in Nashville, TN. His father is in prison, while his stepfather is in and out of jail. His older brother is on the same path.

Dotson is one of thousands of African American boys President Barack Obama addressed in his speech two weeks ago in which he announced his My Brother's Keeper Initiative. Dotson is also among 100 young men participating in entertainer, Steve Harvey's, mentoring program that seeks to break the crib-to-prison cycle by transforming disadvantaged boys into responsible, young men through mentorship, and by providing resources to single mothers who are having to raise their sons alone.

Daniel's story is one that I believe your readers would be interested in because it chronicles the unique challenges boys face and offers possible solutions. The story is publication-ready and includes quotes from Steve Harvey from my interview with him. If you're interested, I can send it to you immediately.

I have bylines with ABC, Dallas Morning News, rolling out, Dancer, and Black Enterprise. See my <u>website</u> for a full list.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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