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I Am not Only a Fighter but A Conqueror

Hello, my name is Adol Bak. I'm seventeen years old. I attend school at Lawrence high school. I was born and raised in Kenya. I lost my parents at a young age .I lost my father when I was eight years old and I lost my mother when I was eleven years old .After the death of my parents i ended up losing my mom sister to depression , my grandma on my mom side to heart attack and my grandma on my dad side who I was named after to suicide .My grandma committed suicide because she had lost my dad and all her other kids .I was left an orphan with no place to call home or no parents to love and care for me .After the death of my parents, my siblings and I had to move in with some of our family friends because we didn't have anywhere to go .My siblings and I were separated for four years .Three of my siblings were living with some of our family friends and two of my other siblings were with me .Getting to not see all my siblings was so hard for me , but I didn't have a choice but to keep on pushing and to keep on praying .Living with our

family friend , my siblings and I were abused and we were forced to drop out of school and be house servants .When the rest of the kids in that house were going to school , my siblings and I will remain behind to cook and clean the entire house .September 20th 2015 , my siblings and I were kicked out of the house we were staying .Our family friends couldn't afford to take care of us anymore .That day my heart fell out of my chest , I was confused and hopeless .All I did was cry and cry .In September 21st my older brother had a call from the United Nation Resettlement informing him that all our papers were approved and that we were coming to the united states. I remember just falling on the ground and thanking God .United States is a country full of opportunities and it's a country where you can chase and fulfill all your dreams .When i moved to Michigan , my siblings and i were kept in foster care .I started school and things were going well .Things were getting hard for me in school because no one wanted to be my friend .I was viewed as an outsider and I was also bullied in school .My fellow schoolmates will call me the N*gga or they will go and post things on social media such as go back to your country you do not belong here .I ended up reporting it to the school and they punished those who were responsible .Not until my eighth grade year of middle school , things started to fall apart .My foster parents ended up abusing my siblings and I .My little sister go intimidated with a knife by my foster dad. We reported to what was going on to the agency but they were not doing anything. The agency ended up believing my foster parents instead of my siblings and i .The agency ended up moving my two older siblings to a new house and we ended up getting separated again .Our goal was to be reunited again once we came to the United States , but that didn't happen .My siblings and i ended up fighting so hard until we won the battle .My foster parents license was taken away from them and we were moved to a different foster home where i

was reunited again with my siblings .At first all the foster homes were full not until a sixty four year old widow took my siblings and I ..My siblings and I ended up finding a place to call home at last .I have been leaving with my foster mom for five years now .I don't see her as my foster mom anymore , she is just like a mom to me .

Throughout my high school years I was involved in clubs , sports and organization .I played basketball , softball and soccer .I am involved in organizations such as National Honor Society , The National Technical Society ,Upward Bound trio and The National Society of High School Scholars .I am involved in clubs such as the year book ,tigers pep club , and pals .Outside the school I volunteered at the Islamic center in Kalamazoo working with Syrian refugees families , i volunteered at Heritage Community Nursing home making crafts and arts with the elderly people and I also volunteer for Bethany Christian services.

If i get this scholarship it will help me achieve my goals By furthering my education in health care , I can word towards my career goals in becoming a nurse practitioner .My goal is to make a difference in my community and globally , this scholarship will absolutely be the difference-maker when it comes to affording college .In fall 2020 I will be attending Lake Michigan College were I will study nursing .

I am grateful for all the life lessons and all the obstacles I have faced. I am stronger than I've ever been.