

My name is

Kadejah;

this is my story of

Hope...



When I was 6, I was selected to be part of *Friends of the Children;* I met my first Friend. I didn't realize it then, but my Friends would become a special part of my life.

I struggled with my confidence and didn't have many friends. My mom and I were homeless for most of my childhood. Throughout, *Friends of the Children* was there for me to help me build my confidence, make friends, and find a place to sleep.





Today, my mom and I have a place to call home. *Friends of the Children* helped me find my passion, dancing! I teach younger Achievers how to dance; they look up to me as a role model and inspiration! I am a senior in high school and hope to own my own dance studio after college.