A WAKE-UP CALL TO TODAY’S YOUTH

Namel “Tapwaterz” Norris and Ricardo “Rickfire” Velasquez formed the Hip Hop duo, 4 Wheel City, after becoming paralyzed from gun violence as teenagers. For the last 10 years they have brought their story of survival and redemption to audiences across the county, introducing a “hip” new way to engage today’s youth in a conversation about violence and its consequences through a combination of storytelling and musical performances.

FACTS:

- Violence is the 3rd leading cause of spinal cord injury and paralysis
- Gunshot wounds account for 13% of all spinal cord injuries
- Less than 10% of people who incurred a spinal cord injury as a student are employed 10 years after the injury

National Spinal Cord Injury Database

Themes presented include:

- Self esteem, respect & peer pressure
- Personal responsibility
- Education: A stepping stone to success
- Making good choices to avoid violence
- Living with a disability
A REALITY CHECK!

The Welcome to Reality Tour includes:

- A motivational lecture
- Live Hip Hop Performance
- "Welcome to Reality" music video
- Q&A session
- Autograph signing

“Our goal is to make students see school as a networking opportunity and an investment into their future.”
~ Namel Norris

The Welcome to Reality presentation consists of a motivational lecture combined with an inspiring hip hop performance to encourage students to stay in school, make responsible decisions, and stop teen violence.

FACTS:

- Every year in the U.S. over 1.2 million students drop out of high school. That’s one student every 26 seconds – 7,000 a day!
- About 25% of freshmen fail to graduate from high school on time
- In the U.S., high school dropouts commit 75% of the crimes
- A young person who drops out of school will earn $200,000 less than a high school graduate over his or her lifetime and almost one million less than a college graduate

“Gunshot wounds are an act of violence that often results in paralysis. Survivors who are shot are often in their teens and in their twenties.”
~ BrainAndSpinalinjury.org

Bring the Tour to your school.

Contact us today!

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