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Teen Summit: 'Be real with us'



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Local teens took center stage last weekend at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church when they led a serious conversation with

the public on ways to stop violence and other issues currently plaguing local youth.

The Stop the Violence Youth Summit was hosted by Beat the Streetz, a local nonprofit geared toward uplifting local youth. During the open conversation

on Saturday, Jan. 11, teens from high schools across the district discussed violence, gangs, the current state of the local school system, the need for programs in the community, and several other issues.

When asked what they think would improve

the relationship between the adults and the younger generation, Rhasha Barnes, who served as moderator for the discussion, didn't mince words when sharing her thoughts. She encouraged the adults in attendance to listen to their children more and

"be real."

"I feel like a lot of times when I'm trying to talk to adults, especially when it's opinionated, I feel like I'm not being heard or what I say doesn't matter because I'm young," Barnes said. "Times are always changing and even though you

may have lived through your years and you do have wisdom, I also have some wisdom that pertains to growing up in a different time."

Beat the Streetz hosts youth meetings and open conversations throughout the year.

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