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There have been numerous studies about the inequality of education in the United States. A child born into a low-income family has only a 9 % chance of getting a college degree, but the odds are 54% for a child in a high-income family. But do not give up HOPE! Instead, let's TALK ABOUT IT and TELL IT. My guests this week are from Telling It, an award-winning community-based program designed for under-served children and youth grades K-12 who may be coping with traumas such as homelessness or exposure to gang activity. Telling It uses the arts as a tool for change and as a source of empowerment.

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Featured Guests



Deb Gordon-Gurfinkel

Deb Gordon-Gurfinkel is the founder and director of Telling It and a lecturer at the U. of Michigan's Residential College.

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Lauren Velez

Lauren Velez is the Family and Community Services Team Leader at Avalon Housing, a Permanent Supportive Housing Agency in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Guest Image

Walter Lacy

Walter Lacy was an Artist Resident with Telling It, from 2012-2014. A spoken word poet and hip-hop artist, Walter has used his talents to connect with youth in Detroit, Ypsilanti, and Ann Arbor, MI.

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Marvin L. Gundy

My name is Marvin L. Gundy, A.K.A MarvGenious; Born in Brooklyn, New York, raised mainly in the hills of Central Jersey. Growing up I have traveled my share of disenfranchised roads

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Morgan DeLeonard

Children's Services Program Coordinator for SOS Community Services, Morgan DeLeonard holds both her bachelors and master's in Social Work.

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Guest Image

Canon Thomas

Canon Thomas is a senior at the University of Michigan and was former student of Ms. Gordon-Gurfinkel in her class, Empowering Community through Creative Expression. Mr. Thomas was an intern at one of the Telling It sites and has continued his involvement with the program for four years.

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Guest Image

Sidney Wiltshire

Sidney Wiltshire is a student at the University of Michigan. Mr. Wiltshire took Ms. Gordon-Gurfinkel's class in the fall semester of 2014 and interned at a Telling It site with teens.

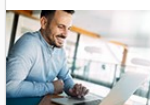
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