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Problem-Solution Speech Outline

General Purpose: To persuade

Specific Purpose: To present the problem of children in crime-affected communities, such as Memphis, Tennessee, and present the solution, the Boys & Girls Club.

Introduction:

- I. **Open with Impact:** Personal experience and stat (According to Robert Glickstein's article, "Most Dangerous Cities in 2007," Memphis, TN ranks no. 8 in the most dangerous cities in America).
- II. **Thesis:** Crime has been a serious problem in Memphis, but with the help of charities such as the Boys & Girls Club of Memphis, Tennessee, crime is decreasing in the community.
- III. **Connect with Audience:** Many of us have dreams and aspirations. In our city, it is evident that crime impacts everyone in the community in one way or another. As a result, crime may have an affect on your decision making. Likewise, in Memphis, the dreams of children are crushed daily because of the strong influences of crime.
- IV. **Preview:** Today, I will inform you about the history of crime in Memphis, Tennessee, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis and how this charity makes a difference in the community, and ways that you can be involved.

Body

- I. **Main Point:** Crime in Memphis
 - A. According to the Crime Rate Comparison statistics in "Memphis Crime Ratios," unknown author, dated in 2006, that per 100,000 people, 10,347.6 people were involved in some sort of crime. The national average per 100,000 people committing crimes is 4479.3.
 - B. In 2007, in Glickstein's article, Memphis ranks 8th in all cities in America for assaults, 31st in murders, 62nd in rapes, 64th in motor vehicle theft, 7th in robbery, and 6th in burglary.

(Signpost and transition: Now that you understand the problem of crime in Memphis, is there hope for this city?)

- II. **Main Point:** The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis and its influence
 - A. One of the solutions to this problem is the charity called the Boys & Girls Club of America.

- B. Explain the purpose of the charity: According to the Boys & Girls Club website, its mission is to target children from the ages of 7-17 to make positive decisions in their lives and ultimately become responsible citizens of the community.
- C. Lists the different activities the club offers.
- D. The volunteers and teachers are trained and are there to help the members.
- E. Facts about how the charity has influenced the community (refer to website).
- F. True story of a member how has become successful in life.

(Signpost and transition: Now that we know how this charity helps out in their community, how can you help out in yours?)

III. **Main Point:** Ways that you can get involved

- A. In our community, Central Florida, we can get involved in many ways. The first way is that you can recommend a child that is struggling to the Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida (I chose Memphis as an example of how the B&G Club was able to make a big difference in the community. Every chapter of the B&G Club makes a difference, not just Memphis. However, this B&G Club is located in such a crime-stricken area that I chose to illustrate this chapter and how the community has evolved).
- B. Make donations! They really help because they actually go straight to the foundation.
- C. You can also train to be a mentor or volunteer.

(Signpost and transition: Now that you are aware of how you can get your hands dirty in this charity work, we all need to help support the effort going to solve this problem.)

Conclusion

I. **Summarize**

- A. The crime problem in Memphis.
- B. Boys & Girls Club was able to help decrease the rate of criminal activity in their city.
- C. By their example, you can get involved in your community and help decrease the crime rates by working with the Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida or your local club.

II. **Close with Impact:** Do you want to see another child to lose his dreams because he got involved with crime? Then get involved: impact your community!

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