

The story is the community of South Providence and its development over the years. The Mission is to gather the stories of the people that still live in South Providence. I will be talking to three different generations.

Since I was a kid growing up in South Providence, my neighborhood has changed. New schools have been built, restaurants, homes and gas stations etc. The neighborhood made up started to change to Spanish people moving to South Providence during the last 14 years. In 1999 the population was 149,887 to 177,994 in 2013. In 14 years the population of Providence has grown, 28,107 people that is documented. 20.3% of Spanish or Latino now live in Providence as of 2013, now only 11.1% African-American live in Providence.

Over the last 14 years demographics has changed, the stories of South Providence have changed too. The city of Providence is nothing like it was when I grew up and, once played in the streets to the street lights came on. I grew up in a healthy community where your neighbor would call your parents if you were misbehaving, by the time you got home. The people in my community were all family, we all knew each other and went to the same markets, barbershop, schools and corner store.

Talking to people and recording their stories from the last three generations will open up the true value of South Providence. I want to show people that this was once a "community" full of love and pride. Over the years we lost touch of what was really important to us and how we kept our community safe for our youth, so they can grow and make something of themselves.

Youth today are not connected to a positive place or people. I think this is a major breakdown of what we are dealing with today with violence. The story hopefully shows what it is like when there is real love in your community.

I plan on talking to 3 different generations of people. Maybe a male and female from both generations.

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