

Hi my name is Eric Wolfe, co-president of the youth advisory council and Anchor House of Trenton, New Jersey. First, I would like to thank the National Safe Place Network for presenting me with the Youth in Action award of 2020. This award means so much to me and the time and energy and passion that I put in my community - I do it all from the kindness of my heart. I thank you and thank you so much for honoring me as the 2020 Youth in Action award.

[Music – Original Song by Eric Wolfe]

Now yeah, I know it's hard now

Promise that you gonna make it through

Through everything you've been through

Yeah I know it's hard now

Promise that you're gonna make it

Through-through everything you've been through

Yeah I know it's hard now

Swear to god man, I know it's hard now [Repeat x1]

Yeah I know how it feels to be trapped in the dark

Would I find that no light to go spark

Yeah I know how it feels to be all alone that's why I'm singing this song

Yeah I know how it feels to be all alone that's why I'm singing this song

Yeah I know how it feels

Yeah I know how it feels

But my heart goes out to the homeless and poor

Living in trauma and living in war

Trying to do better but nobody sees

But asks for change I'm down to my knees

Dealing with depression nobody sees

Not a physical but mental disease

You asking for help they say what you need

Need them the most they going off and leave

Gave you my trust so why would you leave

Dealing with trauma from living on streets

A lot of hatred coming from the police

Thinking their addicts they just want to eat

Stop being stingy bro give them a piece

To all of the addicts you should come clean

Hurting your fam what you doing these streets

You hurting your fam what you do in these streets

I know, I know, I know