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Martin Luther King Jr. Inspiration

I too have felt the sting of inequality. In times like these I have derived strength from those who have been at the helm of black struggle. Dr. Martin Luther King and his predecessor Jesse Jackson have been my motivation. At a time when it was dangerous to stand for right, these men made themselves targets to empower black people. They fixed their eyes on the future, despite the mountain that stood in their way. Indeed I am a new student to Moore's Island and many days I feel, making it from one day to the next is a mountain I must climb. Daily I go to a school where I am the new girl and I am no one's sister or cousin. To everyone, I am a stranger. This new road I am on is a lonely one but like Dr. King and Jesse Jackson, I want to defy the odds.

Yes, I am a victim of teenage pregnancy, but this does not mean that I have to choose that path. Jesse Jackson's example empowers me to soar further than those around me could ever imagine. So, this means refusing the sexual advances of my classmates and enduring the hardships of being thought of as unpopular. As a black student, Mr. Jackson was enrolled at an all-white school and scared off by an angry mob of whites for his beliefs. Despite this Jackson's charge was, "Excellence is doing your best against the odds, as I run for President, I run against

the odds.” I too want to rise above the things that challenge me and make myself and my environment better.

Many High school teens celebrate with their classmates when they do wrong. I know these students are behaving in this way because they are simply bored and have not found their calling in life. I believe that, if our school had enough after school programs, more children would begin to use their time and youth for good. For example, although Junkanoo isn't a really big thing in Moore's island, starting a Junkanoo group helped many teenagers to occupy their time. Because Moore's Island All-age is ostracized from main stream Bahamas and generally does not get the financial support from the Ministry of education, this reality prodded me to advocate for a Technical Cadet program. This program is desperately needed at my school to create the proper business mindset for our future graduates. Our high schoolers desperately need this program, because for most of them Abaco is the world and the core subjects here is not adequately preparing them for the future. Jackson and Dr. King were both men that faced inequalities fiercely. As for me, I will not allow the inadequacies which exist at my school to prevail. I will make this island a better place through the power of the pen and my voice. Moore's Island All-age School will be better because I am prepared to knock until the door is opened.