

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Speaker 1:

At a young age I was always planned to be a bit more dealing with clothes and vending and stuff like that, because I used to get the teddy bears and sit on Wolcott. I'll never forget it, Wolcott impressed them. My mother had a house right there. I used to take the teddy bears from the carnivals and the toys that I get there, get big mayonnaise jars and pickle jars for people to drop pennies in there to win a prize. When I was six and eight years old, I used to carry people's bags at Big B's when I was a little child, bringing in \$65 cash. And back in those days a quarter would get me 25 bubblegums.

Lacoste, Polo, Nautica, All Mankind, [crosstalk 00:00:38], Keri Hilson, [crosstalk 00:00:41], pocketbooks, different types of pocketbooks and stuff like that. Mr. Dorsey at Dre's Boutique, 33rd and GreenMount. Basically, giving back to the public, helping out the younger kids with their moms and

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everything, layaway plan here with 50% down. And just try to keep everybody up with the latest clothes that does come out each year.

The first time when I went downtown to pay my taxes for a building, it woke me up to say it's coming true day by day with God had already had a visit for me and I believed in him. So you have to start with a little bit and you can make it come to be more.

Speaker 2:

What do you think makes this block special? What's special about this place and the people who are around you on this block?

Speaker 1:

Everybody sticks together, no matter what.