

**THE FAMILIES' THOUGHTS...**

“They wonder why things are going wrong in our communities. If children are not given an outlet to **express themselves**, they become stagnant and act out in inappropriate ways, turning to negativity.” –parent



“It’s an opportunity for her to care about something **outside herself.**” –parent



“My Aunt keeps saying to me, ‘**I’m so proud of you.**’ That’s all she keeps saying, over and over, ‘I’m so proud of you, I’m so proud of you.’” –Epiphany

“My cousin brought a tear to my eye, a good tear. He said after seeing me on the stage, he doesn’t think of me as his little cousin anymore, he thinks of me as his little brother.” –Taivon



“Unchained Talent is a place where they can express what they feel and experience.” –parent



“They used to be shy but have gone through a metamorphosis: they are free with their **thoughts** and **opinions**, they take on **responsibilities**, they make **decisions.**” –parent