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The five youths of Desert Lily Academy (DLA) stood fearlessly in front of their peers and poured out their hearts. As they spoke and performed, their peers knew instantly that this moment mattered. The DLA performers took their peers through life before, during, and after their time at DLA. The message was clear, “Life is tough but through resilience, education, and appropriate relationships, life can be conquered.”

Desert Lily Academy believes in providing youth with opportunities that provide an insight into their untapped potential. Some of the youth respond well to experiences that are new and foreign to them.

DLA’s Drama/Improv group has provided the youth at DLA with priceless experiences. Thanks to Case Manager Gabriel John, DLA youth have been provided an outlet that has given them the chance to have a voice and point of view. The group teaches youth that personal experiences are the cornerstone to the craft of acting. The goal is to teach the youth that vulnerability can be powerful, as illustrated through their performances. Taking a stand on the stage and demanding the audience’s attention is one way to illustrate a story that can be motivational for any audience member. Hopefully, leaving an everlasting effect on someone in the crowd.
