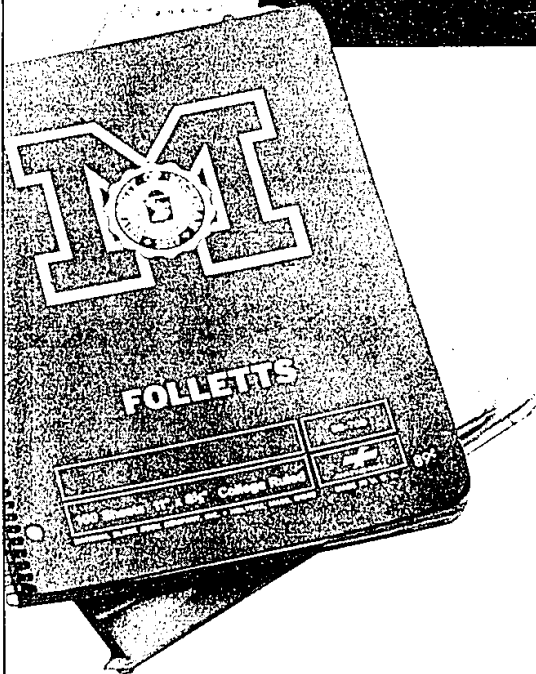


## OMARI BARKSDALE STAYED OUT OF JAIL BY JOINING A GANG.



Crime was all around him. His friends were involved. And he knew where he would end up. Luckily Omari Barksdale had a better idea. He joined a gang, the Twelve Together Program.

Programs like the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Foundation's Twelve Together have helped Omari and 324,000 other teens in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Through peer counseling and regular meetings, Twelve Together teaches teens to overcome the pressures on the streets. And hopefully end up like Omari, in a university.

The United Way supports 145 agencies. Nearly 90 cents of every dollar you contribute goes directly to work, since only 10.4 cents goes toward campaign and administrative costs. Your contributions help the elderly, the illiterate and the victims of crime, right here. For Omari and others like him, please give to the United Way. And support our gang.



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