A Pledge for Young Men

As a young person and member of my family and community, I recognize that I contribute to my and my community’s health, happiness, and future. The decisions and actions I make today can make a positive difference and improve the community for the next generation. I recognize that I set a positive example as a young man which will have an incredible impact on the lives of children in my family and community. Therefore, today I pledge that I will fulfill this role in a manner that benefits me, my family, and community by committing to the following principles:

• Be a young man that understands that my most prized possession is the value of my word—*Palabra*—and through my actions be true to my word.
• Make it my priority to take care of my physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual health.
• Nurture my personal gifts and talents so that I can uncover the positive purpose of my life that will benefit all those in my Circle.
• Recognize that my identity as a young man is not about violence or taking advantage of others but of being caring and responsible.
• Will contribute to making my community one of peace and will not tolerate violence.
• Will recognize that the use of emotional, sexual, physical, mental, or economic abuse against members of my family or community cannot be tolerated.
• Will discover and nurture my voice so that I can speak up against injustice and oppression even when it is more comfortable to say nothing.
• Recognize that children are sacred and I will be a positive example to them and treat them with care, love, and dignity.
• Recognize that I am worthy of being treated with care, love, and respect and will seek support and counsel from elders and adults that value and recognize my positive purpose.
• Will take time for introspection and reflection, and includes positive traditions in my life so I can connect with my cultural and/or spiritual traditions.
• Will lives these values honestly and with love so that I can achieve my personal goals, nurture my family, and be a reflection of goodness to my community.

By signing this pledge, I will work each day to fulfill the actions of these principles and will seek to build or maintain myself as a young woman or man who understands the honor of being a PERSON of Responsibility.

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