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“Never Had a Friend”



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Micah E. Johnson performs a breathtaking memoir monologue entitled “Never Had a Friend.” The talk describes his experiences with homelessness as a child and how he learned the

meaning of friendship and the value of artistic expressions. The piece features diverse types of performance art, including lecture, drama, comedy, poetry, and storytelling. Johnson delivers a captivating lesson on trauma, race, poverty, and the power of friendship to foster resilience. He hopes the talk will help foster support and compassion for disadvantaged children. Johnson is a sociologist trained in criminology and psychiatric epidemiology. His research centers around childhood trauma, behavioral health, and juvenile justice.

**Followed by a discussion with
Noura Erakat, Cynthia Young,
and Alex Lubin**

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