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Photo 1 - Stat's Building (corner of Bigley Ave. and Washington St.)

- a) This is a photo of the "old" Stat's Building on the West Side.
- b) I wanted to share this photo because I have several friends who are involved in refurbishing this building. They are taking an old run down building and making into something attractive and useable by the community.
- c) I believe the story that this photo tells is how the West Side is changing. This massive building has fallen into disrepair (as many people believe that West Side has). But w/ the help of a young entrepreneurs and workers they are rebuilding it and giving it a second chance.
- d) This relates to my life because I have close friends who are involved in the restoration of the building. Some paid money for the actual property while others work inside the building. I think it's a very good metaphor for the "life" of the West Side.



Photo 2 - 214 W Washington St, Charleston, WV 25302

- a) This is a photo of the side of "Spa Elements" which shows a mural.
- b) I wanted to share this photo because it shows a beautiful mural of the community painted alongside a building I helped renovate a few summers ago.
- c) The story of this photo explores how a "run down" building not only became a new and successful business, but also how it essentially became a piece of artwork.

d) Personally I like this photo because a few summers ago myself and some close friends help renovate this building. I personally helped build the porch on the bag and every time I see it, it brings back great memories. I view this building in particular as where the revitalization of the West Side began. Prior to working on the building I always viewed the West Side as a shady place that I wouldn't normally hang out. However, after seeing the community and how they came together around this building it was very refreshing and made me change my attitude about the community.



Photo 3 - Former Kelley's Men Shop (Pennsylvania Ave. South)

a) This is a photo of where Kelley's Men Shop used to be (before it relocated to Bridge Row).

b) I wanted to share this photo because I think it's interesting metaphor for how businesses are leaving the West Side.

c) To me, the story of this photo shows a business that has been located on the West Side for decades but now lies vacant. I have no idea why they decided to move to Bridge Row, but I find it interesting that a store that sells high end clothing has now relocated to a more upper tier socioeconomic neighborhood after decades of being located on the West Side.

d) This photo resonates w/ my personally because I remember it from my childhood as the super fancy store my dad would take me to. This is the store I went to for prom suit rentals and even was where I had my first suit tailored. That fact that it not only left the location it had been for so many years, but also moved into a smaller store was first time I really began to appreciate the difficulties a small business has to deal w/.

