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During my undergraduate studies, I had the privilege of attending a social event at SOS children's village. I had an enlightening experience that greatly impacted my life. I was part of the organization dedicated to helping kids and young children at an orphanage by providing necessities such as food and clothes. The organization was also responsible for arranging social events at orphan homes with the sole purpose of ensuring humanity and social equality. According to the studies, there are almost 8 million children who are spending their lives in orphan homes (Hunt, Mohandessi, Ghodssi, & Akiyama, 1976). The assessable and methodical method adopted by such orphanage homes makes sure that children are loved, cared, educated, and are kept healthy and safe. One of the orphanages that I visited during my affiliation with this organization was the SOS children village.

My first-hand encounter was with the boy who had recently lost his parents in a car accident. He was in the backseat when he survived the crash. He was quiet among all the children there. I sat beside him and asked him what his name was. He didn’t answer. I later inquired if he wanted to play with me and the other kids. He didn’t say anything and kept looking to the ground. I was heartbroken. I had never experienced the pain of losing a parent but I believe losing a family and a home is the biggest tragedy, a kid of a seven-year-old can go through. I kept sitting beside him and he decided not to say a word. His silence was the biggest cry. A cry for social acceptance. A cry for a loving family and a home.

Although the orphanage was lit with the laughter of kids, the air seemed to be filled with silent cries of deranged children. In the middle of the well-organized party, where some kids welcomed the gifts with open arms, some of them refused to talk. Others kept crying with the silent voices.

My experience throughout the whole event was overwhelming. I decided to make a proposal to an organization according to which we will be responsible for finding a suitable family for these kids that not only provide the necessities but is more focused on providing them with extra love and care.

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