



The More You Do, The More You Care

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We all have experiences on doing services. However, the reasons behind vary. Some would do them for the service hours in OLE, while some would do them for fun. For me, it is showing my care to the community we live in.

Since Form 1, I have been a member of the school Red Cross. One huge part of joining the uniform group is the service. I have tried various kinds of services. From elderly services to domestic worker services, the experiences I gained are fruitful. In addition, my role in doing services had changed, though the aim remains unchanged: to provide care. The more I care, the more I do. If one was not observant enough, he may not even know the needs of other.

Elderly services are very rewarding. The most remarkable one was done in Sha Tau Kok, a place in the restricted area of Hong Kong. Due to many reasons, many of the aged there live alone. We had chatted with them. It may sound a small step, but I could see from their eyes that these meant a lot to them. I remember it was just before the outbreak of the pandemic that I visited them. I had talked about hygiene at that time, which I think is another important aspect in doing a service. However, the most memorable scene was when one of the elderlies encouraged me to study well. She always talked about how good her grandkids were and told me to study hard. She would hold my hand and appreciate them. It may sound strange, but this is a life lesson that she gave me. Education at their times were valuable and she wanted me to treasure it. Those are words with power of experiences.

Since Form 3, my role has shifted. Though direct services are still significant, I have participated in more planning work. I had taken part in the designing of two service projects, one on waste pickers and one on domestic workers. I had to consider more things than I had had to. There are targets and objectives to set, need analysis to be done and contacts to be made. Every aspect has made me care more about the service targets: how could I help them? What do they need? Maybe sometimes I was overwhelmed by the tiniest detail I could make and forgot that simple principle: to provide care. After all, my motivation is still the same.

Last year, I had a chance to talk to some domestic workers in the service project. I had heard about the difficulties they encounter in Hong Kong during their work experience, and their sharings were so realistic. I had learnt more about them and the situation they faced. There was also a very unexpected sharing from a domestic worker. She said she had sponsored a child back in her home country with the money she earned in Hong Kong. I was shocked. I do not think many people in Hong Kong can do this. But the fact that she could just blew my mind. Wealth does not conclude the things you have. The willingness to share is the strongest ability everyone could have. Think about the one sitting next to you; do they need help? Small steps count. The more I do, the more I care.

Try to be observant next time you walk to school. Are there anyone in needs? There is no need to achieve something huge from the draft. Instead, take you time to observe. The more you care, the more you do. And the more you do, the more you care.