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Do you have a home? Imagine being an orphan and growing up without a real home

Following the death of both parents before she turned one, Rachel* was transferred from one caregiver to another. Things seemed to turn for the better for a while when an aunt adopted her, but sadly, she was abused and sent to a Children's Home. She faced difficulties adjusting and eventually entered Gracehaven which became her seventh home.

While other children learn to bond with their parents, Rachel was distressed, having to adapt to various caregivers and environments. By the time she entered Gracehaven, she was filled with much frustration and distrust. In order to relieve her emotional pain, Rachel would hurt herself physically.

Gradually with patience and love, caregivers at Gracehaven helped Rachel stabilise her emotions and build up her self-esteem. Today, she is more positive, manages her feelings better and is taking a big step to mingle with her peers.

At The Salvation Army, we do not just care for young persons in our residential homes. We also tend to the elderly at Peacehaven Nursing Home and serve a whole spectrum of community needs by running social programmes for children, youth, seniors, families and ex-offenders.

Will you pause for a moment to feel for Rachel? Your compassionate act of charity will enable The Salvation Army to help many people like her. Please give generously. Thank you.

* name has been changed