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I lived with the Rajah family for 5 years whilst completing my senior high school career. Living away from home for the very first time was a new experience for me and was very daunting, especially having to live with approximately 30 other children from different cultural backgrounds. For the first few days I would often sit alone and would relish the idea of going back home. As the days progressed, I started to feel a sense of belonging and became more comfortable being with this family.

They not only took care of us but were actively involved with many other community initiatives. Their mission has always been to care for those who were less fortunate. I live with this principle myself even to this day because of what they instilled in my life. I often wondered how a couple who were not even the same race as us could love and care so unconditionally. What intrigued me the most was the family environment that they created for us all including their 2 biological children. There was never a sense of exclusivity.

They took an active role in ensuring that we all excelled in our studies. Those that were weak were given extra attention. Mrs Rajah became the chairperson of the school governing body and added much value to ensure that the school performed at its very best. I managed to obtain an excellent pass in my matric year and Mr Rajah applied to a university so I could complete a tertiary education.

Today I hold a degree in financial management and am employed at a reputable financial institute. I am who I am today largely because of the nurturing environment that I received from the Rajah's and for that I will forever be grateful.

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