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Being a volunteer at Our Chalet is without a doubt one of my best souvenirs. Not only did I get to meet great girls and make lasting friendships, but the experience also greatly improved my communication skills such that it's easier for me to engage in a conversation with people I don't necessarily know concerning formal matters. I have more confidence in myself hence I am able to speak my mind and respectfully defend my point of view.

As for my leadership skills, I am less intimidated in taking up leadership roles since we often practised leadership at Our Chalet. It's easier now for me to make a decision and give my opinion as well as advising teams I work with which is something that was greatly improved by my experience at Our Chalet.

My experience at Our Chalet tremendously established my desire to contribute to making this world a better place. As a result I now volunteer with an NGO called AMREF, flying doctors that mostly work with African countries to provide urgent medical attention and I will soon start volunteering with a UNICEF centre for the well-being of children in the community. As for trying to contribute to changing women's lives which is something now close to my heart, I have been looking at how I can get involved with an association where hopefully I will soon be able to give my time. The best thing I learnt from Our Chalet experience was how to make a contribution towards changing the world by doing little things, the selflessness and devotion of Our Chalet staff really taught me a lot and challenged me to become a better person.