It’s been said "If you help an orphan to smile you will not change the world but for that one child the world will change".

When we talk about orphans, we talk about children without a family, without a father or a mother, missing the love, kindness and the needs of any child!

You can find orphans in all countries around the world. Some countries provide them with the care they need while others don’t. We can take Iraq as an example for the countries that have a big number of orphans. In Iraq, you can find more than a half million orphans, most of them between 0-17 years according to the survey that has been done by the ministry of planning in 2016. Most of them lost their families during the wars that happened in Iraq. Out of our responsibility as dentistry students and our love for humanitarian work, the Iraqi Dental Students Association (IDSA) held a national project for orphans called (orphan smile), this project included two parts, one for treatment and the other for entertainment. Orphan smile was held in most cities inside Iraq from north to south. Spreading love & kindness, spending lovely days and all those amazing feelings we experience just by getting in touch with orphans! Orphans are far way to be just humans, they’re ANGELS! The orphan smile project reached more than a thousand children in Iraq and the Iraqi Dental Students Association continuous to work on reaching all orphans in Iraq and helping them because IDSA built the work on the bases of sustainable development goals especially SDG3 (GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING) and SDG4 (QUALITY EDUCATION) to be in the list of Associations that seek to achieve the SDGs for a better world to live. Another project for orphans was held in one of the Muslims holidays during Eid-Al-Adha, it was about giving clothes, sharing good moments and entertainment with music, songs and role plays.

At the end, as IDSA members say, we’ll continue to do more, give more for orphans and make them feel like they have a family because they sure need that feeling. They need to feel the love, hope, peace and all kinds of humanitarian requirements.

"May you can't change the destiny of what happened to orphans' families but you can make them feel that there's still hope to get a family that cares for them"