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Hello, my name is Suraksha Attila Surio. Suraksha means “Protected” in Sanskrit. The reason my dad who is originally from India, decided to go with this name is because I was a Premature baby and my mom had complications with her pregnancy and the Doctor said that I was in great danger if my mom didn’t have the me on the day I was born.

I was very active in Scouts since I was in Elementary school and I am proud to say that I am one of the 3% alumnus who earned their Eagle Scout rank. I also remember that every summer and winter breaks I was passionate in helping and volunteering at several non-profit agencies (Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, Animal Welfare League) and I still continue to do so till this day.

The reasoning behind I choosing Social Work as my area of concentration and as a profession is driven by the passion, I have to help others. I believe that having a career in Social Work will be a rewarding experience for me hoping to make an impactful change in someone’s life.

Like President Obama said *“The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.”* — **Barack Obama**