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Introducing Uncle Alex Kisaka Mkilo: A Heartwarming Journey of Care and Service at SOS Children's Villages in Kenya

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Meet the incredible Alex Kisaka Mkilo, better known as Uncle Alex, a warm-hearted driver at SOS Children's Villages in Kenya.

Hailing from Mombasa County, he has devoted his life to ensuring the safety and well-being of the children and staff he serves with boundless love and dedication.

Now, being a driver is not just a job for Uncle Alex. It's a calling that goes beyond taking children to school and back. When you see him in action, you'll witness the pure joy on the children's faces as they excitedly shout, "Uncle Alex, Uncle Alex!" while hopping onto the school bus. He's more than just a driver; he's their trusted companion on the journey of life. He's the one who makes sure children reach hospitals when they need to and that staff move effortlessly between various programmes.

Alex's story with SOS Children's Villages in Kenya began back in 2002 when he joined as a reliever driver. His unwavering commitment and heartfelt passion for the cause soon earned him a permanent spot at SOS Children's Villages in Kenya. Over the years, he's left a positive impact at different locations, including Mombasa Village from 2006 to 2013 and Kisumu Village from 2013 to 2018. Since 2018, he's been proudly based at the Meru Village, where he continues to touch lives every single day.

When working at the Mombasa Village, Alex took on another vital role. Besides being a driver, he lovingly cared for the precious generator used to purify and bottle water for the village. He received special training to ensure that clean water was always available for the children, showcasing his incredible versatility and dedication.

We couldn't be prouder to share that Alex Kisaka Mkilo was recognized and honoured as the Best Employee of SOS Children's Villages, Meru Village, in 2022. His selflessness and tireless work have made a significant impact on the lives of both children and staff.

From the early hours of the morning till late in the evening, Alex's heart and soul are invested in his work. He leaves home at 5:40 am to be at SOS Children's Villages before 6:00 am, and he remains fully engaged until 5:30 pm. Whether he's steering the school bus or managing logistics, his passion shines through in every task he undertakes.

Alex Kisaka is deeply grateful for the vision of SOS Children's Villages' founder, Herman Gmeiner. He feels privileged to be a part of transforming the lives of vulnerable children and youth. This role has taken him on journeys he never imagined, exposing him to new experiences and enriching his own life.

Uncle Alex Kisaka's story is a testament to the power of compassion, dedication, and service that touches the hearts of many at SOS Children's Villages. His infectious spirit and genuine care continue to light up

the lives of those he serves, leaving an everlasting impact on the organization's mission to create a brighter future for all.

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