**Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.**

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Helping others while having a voice of my own was one of the things on my bucket list. It is unfair how many people live their lives of underachievement because they are afraid to have their own voice for success. I believe being able to visualize and share my ideas with others and making a positive impact simultaneously is a remarkable thing. With my desire to achieve this, I created Raisondetre.

Raisondetre is a community service club that organizes visits to Yayasan Kasih Anak Kanker Indonesia (YKAKI). As the founder, my goal was not only to get the group to contribute to YKAKI, but also to get my group to participate actively. In order to create a safe environment where everyone could share their opinions without judgment, I started to share my personal story that led me to create Raisondetre. This allowed them to understand that they were not just there to participate passively, but to be active in terms of thinking of the ideas to contribute to YKAKI. At the end of each meeting, I would also play some positive upbeat music to create an environment where everyone could spend time bonding and to break down barriers that prevented them from speaking out.

Creating an open environment for everyone to voice out their opinions was not without obstacles. We had to constantly find middle ground when everyone had different opinions. But by slowly listening, understanding and taking critical advices from one another, we managed to resolve our disputes. At the end of the discussions, we decided to not only visit YKAKI, but donate a monetary contribution as well. To do that, we sold self-designed t-shirts and donated all the profits to YKAKI. Within 4 months, we earned a profit of 15 million and planned a successful visit to YKAKI.

Having the opportunity to start Raisondetre, it made me realize that leadership is not about control, but it is about creating a safe environment for the team to voice out their opinions and come up with solutions as a team.