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'I want to be like the others'

It's a little girl's 9th birthday party.

She is wearing her new party dress and is waiting for the children from school to arrive.

How do you explain to her why no-one turns up?

On World AIDS Day please donate and help families living with HIV in Scotland.

This is what happened to Clare*. At 9, Clare lives with her dad and is unaware that she is HIV positive. Unfortunately, people who live in her small town know because Clare's dad told child minders of her HIV status and word of her being HIV positive spread.

She has been verbally and physically bullied in the playground and doesn't understand why other children don't play with her, or why no-one turned up to her birthday party. These difficulties, along with an understandably overprotective father, cause Clare to display behavioural difficulties at school and, because of this behaviour, she has also been excluded from a number of organised activities and youth clubs.

(*name changed to protect the individual's identity)

➔ *Please turn over*

Yes, I want to help families living with HIV in Scotland



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'It's good to know there is someone I can talk to
and there are other young people like me.'

