

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Hello, I am *Martina*. My home village is Kuthukal Valasai, Tenkasi in southern India. My mother is a working government school cook. My father passed away when I was one-year old. I have an older brother who has completed his engineering education and is now working for a company in southern India.

I started at LIFT in 6th grade. At that time, my mother had no job, and my grandfather was taking care of us financially as best as he could. Fortunately, we found LIFT to allow me to continue my studies and to reach my goals. I have been with LIFT for 9 years; **LIFT students are also my family.**

I work hard to achieve. I never give up until I have succeeded. When people meet me, they remember me as a calm, smart girl with a smile. I am trustworthy and care for people around me.

I reached my goal of passing the NEET, National Eligibility Entrance Examination for admission to medical colleges, with a high score in the 98th percentile. I entered Tirunelveli Medical College this year and am the first LIFT graduate to attend medical school. My long-term goal is to become a Neurologist and to open a medical camp for impoverished elderly.

I am confident I will be successful. Each day prior to going to sleep, I schedule my tomorrow. I also study and concentrate on the learning.

I want the donors in the United States to know that I am grateful to them and to my LIFT family. I have received a lot and will give my care, money, and other resources to people in need.



Giving back, paying forward, to our community and others is a cornerstone of the LIFT program.

Today Martina is a medical student. With a special interest in helping the elderly, Martina intends on becoming a neurologist and organizing a health camp for the impoverished elderly.