

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Hi, Dear Friends,

This is *Anusuya*. My father is a coolie worker in a spinning Mill and my Mom is physically challenged. There is no way I could think of doing much schooling leave alone medical school. Any quality schooling for me would be out of reach due to the financial hardships at home. But my dream even as a kid was to become a paediatrician. I know I can consistently study hard which is required to become a paediatrician. But I had no financial means to do it.

LIFT provided me all the support I needed to get into a great Medical School. More than 1.5million students wrote the medical school entrance exam NEET (National Eligibility Entrance Test). I passed it at the 98 percentile. That made me eligible to join Cuddalore Government Medical College.

I really like my experience here at the Medical School. Here we have a very experienced faculty, each have a minimum of 20 years of teaching experience. They support and encourage us to try to do experiments to learn by doing. They gave us great orientation programs like how to communicate and interact with our fellow students from different cultures and places, how to have a balanced diet for optimum health and conducted training in the up-to-date computer skills required for medical schooling.

They took us to villages in groups under the guidance of a faculty for each group to learn to assess village health conditions. Each student is given a family to keep a history and health status of during their five years of study.

They have already started to orient us on how to get ready, during the next five years, for our postgraduate study. Senior students also provide us help and guidance in this regard.

Because of my great NEET score, I am able to study at a high quality medical school for a very low tuition fee. Most of the Tuition fee is covered by the college. Each student has to pay less than \$200 only as Tuition fee for each year.

So my dear LIFT Supporters, "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out." Yes. You walked in my life when my family and I had lots of sufferings and hardships. You brought light not only to my life but also to our entire LIFT family. I am so grateful to you.

The society who criticized and ridiculed very negatively about my family and me are our admirers now. We were nobody in our village until recently. So, we are somebody now; it is all because of you. I thank you all for your unconditional support and concern towards me. I am nothing without you.

Now through you, Our LIFT and I are blessed. In the future **I will be a blessing in many people's lives by serving them. I thank you for your consistent support, great opportunities, and unconditional love towards me.** Once again thank you very much.

With immense joy and gratitude,

Anusuya



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

Today, Anusuya is earning her Medical Degree from Cuddalore Medical College, one of the top three medical schools in India. Upon completing her degree, she will become a pediatrician and help ensure children of all socio-economic levels are healthy.