

Stepping Stones

Supports
LIFE INSTITUTE FOR GIRLS

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On behalf of the M & SFV Memorial Foundation and the Life Institute for girls, we greatly appreciate your continued generous support towards our cause of improving the lives of these young girls. Please rest assured that every penny of your contribution will be for the care of these children.

For more details on our foundation, you may visit us at www.visramfoundation.com. If you have any questions, please call Radhika or Mira at (519) 744-4400. We have now added the financial section into our web site giving you an idea of the sources and uses of the funds donated. Finally, on behalf of our children, thank you!

Dear friend:

Here is the current issue of "Stepping Stones" with news from the girls we support at the Life Institute for Girls at Pune, India.

Each year we try to continue to advance our mission towards the children's objectives at the Institute. As you are aware, over the last few years we have proceeded with our objective of not only acquiring the lands and building to house the children but now we continue to assist in providing for their daily welfare including education, room, boarding and funding of extra curricular activities.

To quote Booker T. Washington " *The highest test of civilization of a race is its willingness to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate*". We are greatly delighted to join hands with you to take yet another step this year towards helping the less fortunate girls at the Institute with your continued generous support without which we would not have reached where we are today!



The girls at the Institute

Student of the Month



ALMAS KHOJA

Almas was born in a town called Kosamba in Gujrat, India. She comes to the hostel from an unfortunate circumstances, her mother is deceased and her father struggles as a Milkman.

Almas has been at the hostel for three years now and is currently in the 6th standard at the well-respected Stella Mary's High School in Pune, India where she maintains her marks at 95% and above. She approaches her difficult assignments with confidence and perseverance in researching and completing her projects on time.

She is an avid reader transcending herself as a "book worm" and is very interested in reading anything she can get her hands on about stars and the galaxy. Being an independent thinker and very observant of her surroundings she has decided that she will become an Astronaut upon finishing her schooling. Imagine, another woman Astronaut in the making, awesome! Almas' idol is, of course, the well-known first Indian born woman in space, Kalpana Chawla, who paved the way for Almas' career aspiration to become attainable.

Education has opened many doors. However, there are still innumerable doors shut tight.....Unopened yet! These are the doors of the future. Perhaps many of our children will open some of these doors..... We shall help give them the key.

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