

As summer draws to a close here in the UK, we are pausing to reflect with gratitude on what we've been able to achieve together over the past few months. Thanks to your kindness, generosity, and belief in our mission, lives are being changed in ways that ripple far beyond individual students.

What we've accomplished since June...

- £2,500 raised through the incredible efforts of two supporters who ran in separate events for KCF – thank you for lacing up your shoes and your hearts for this cause.
- £3,600 distributed, enabling four new students to begin their studies and supporting four existing students to continue into their second year after passing their exams – a wonderful milestone worth celebrating!
- 13 students currently on our books, which warrants £5,850 per year to sustain support.

Behind every figure is a face, a family, and a future that is brighter because of you.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This year, five students have proudly completed their degrees with the support of KCF, a milestone made possible through your generosity. Over the coming newsletters we will continue to share their stories with you. In this edition, we celebrate two incredible women, **Ashwathy**, who has just graduated as a nurse and begun her career, and **Sherlin**, who is perusing her dream despite many challenges.



Ashwathy

Ashwathy's story: From a small town to an ICU nurse

With support from the KCF, Ashwathy completed her four-year nursing degree earlier this year and is now working as an ICU nurse in a multi-specialty hospital in Maharashtra. The transition from a small college campus to such a demanding role hasn't been easy, but her resilience and cheerfulness shine through.

Her father continues to work as a handyman and gardener to repay the 3-lakhs loan (approx. £2,500) taken for her sister's education who is also studying to become a nurse. Thanks to your support, Ashwathy was able to graduate without adding more financial strain to her family. Ashwathy told us she wants to be helping others in whatever way she can and hopes to be able to send a small amount back to her home to support her sister and her family once she has settled in the new city. Your generosity is not only changing her life but also planting seeds of compassion that will no doubt grow as she does in her career. Ashwathy dreams of "paying forward" the kindness she has received. We would say she is doing this already given her work and the way she is already able to support her family.

Visit our website for more details on how you can be a part of the work we do.

Sherlin's story: a student with big dreams

Sherlin is now in her second year of a BSc Nursing course in Karnataka. Her journey has been far from easy. Her father suffers from a chronic heart condition and can no longer work, while her mother supports the family by working as a housemaid off and on. The family are also caring for Sherlin's younger brother who is in school and her bedridden 96-year-old grandmother who needs a lot of care.



Sherlin

To make Sherlin's education possible, her family has taken a loan of 7 lakhs (approx. £6,000) so the family must keep up payments. Despite these challenges, Sherlin radiates positivity. She is enjoying her studies, particularly in anatomy and physiology, and has made some good friends at college which helps a little with homesickness. She told us that the workload is tough, but she is determined to persevere, and she humbly asked for prayers as she continues her education.

Thanks to your support, Sherlin can build a future that will give her a chance for a better life.

LOOKING AHEAD

These stories are powerful reminders of what your contributions make possible. Because of you:

- Ashwathy is serving patients in one of the most critical hospital units
- Sherlin is moving closer to her dream of becoming a skilled nurse.
- Recent graduates like Athulya are beginning their professional careers with hope
- And historic students like Sumi, Johnson, and Steffy have now found jobs overseas and are able to stand on their own feet and 'pay it forward'

Your donations don't just educate students, they transform families, strengthen communities, and inspire future acts of kindness. Every step forward these students take is also your success. From all of us at KCF, thank you for believing in this mission. Together, we are creating opportunities where once there were obstacles, and planting seeds of compassion that will continue to grow for years to come.

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Committee Members

- Roshni Jacob
- Karen Abraham
- Susan Stephan
- Kevin George
- Sushil Thomas
- Vijay Jacob

A TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH CHERIAN

We wanted to acknowledge a long standing, faithful supporter of KCF who sadly passed away in July. Lissymama as many of us knew her, always attended the fundraising events we used to put on with a beautiful smile and perfectly pleated sari. She gave her time, resources and earnest prayers to further the cause. We want to give thanks for her life and acknowledge all she has done for the organisation.



Visit our website for more details on how you can be a part of the transformational work we do.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more please do write to us, we'd love to hear from you.