

When
A Dream Becomes Your Destiny



20 stories
20 years

Sugun Thomas Foundation
2005 - 2025

Two Decades of Impact



From One Dream to a Thousand Futures

As we celebrate 20 years of the Sugun Thomas Foundation (STF), I look back with gratitude, humility, and immense pride at the journey we have shared with our children, mentors, and well-wishers.

When we began in 2005, the objective was simple – to keep something alive in Sugun's name and memory. What started as a small effort has grown into something far bigger than we could have imagined: an ecosystem of learning, mentorship, and empowerment that has transformed lives across generations.

In the early years, it was we, the founders and spouses, who personally mentored the children. We wanted to provide deserving children with the opportunity to pursue higher education, guided by mentorship and supported by a caring community. Over time, this has evolved into something truly unique. Today, many of our alumni have returned to take on mentoring roles. They not only guide the next generation but also serve as role models, ensuring that the cycle of care and giving continues.

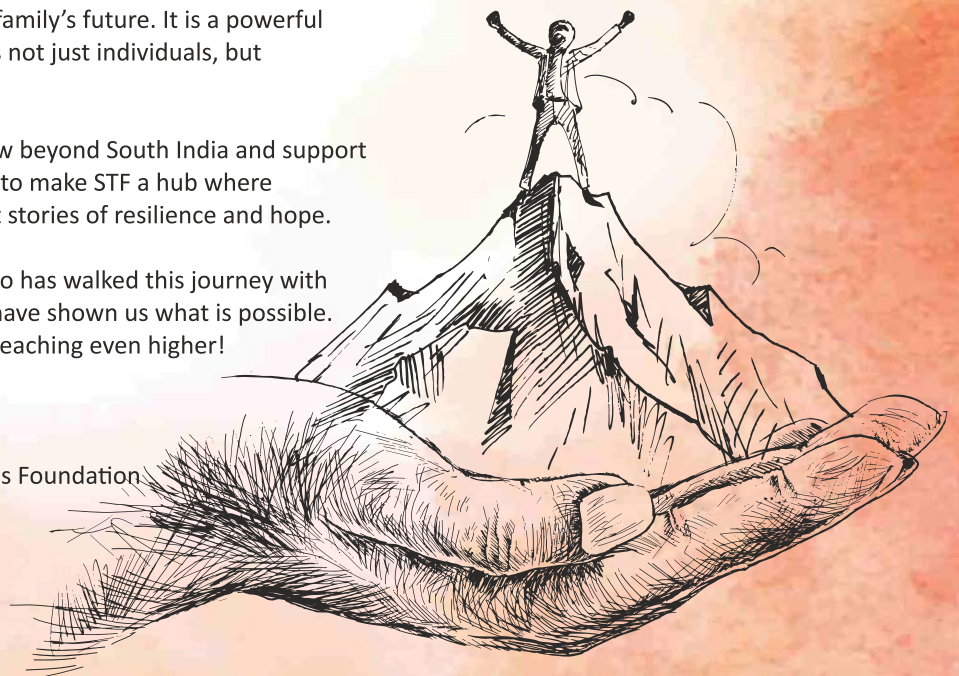
From the very beginning, our approach has been child-centric. Every student we support is carefully selected through a rigorous process that looks beyond marks to family circumstances and potential. Once a child becomes part of STF, they are never alone. From spoken English classes that help build confidence, to leadership training, soft skills workshops with partners, and even grief counselling during the pandemic, all our initiatives have been shaped by the needs of our children.

The results have been remarkable. Over the years, our children have gone on to become engineers, doctors, lawyers, IT professionals, and entrepreneurs. Many have built new homes for their families, cleared long-standing debts, and created better futures for their siblings. Many who once studied in modest schools aspire for their own children to attend elite private schools, because they have seen firsthand how education can change the course of a family's future. It is a powerful reminder that good education impacts not just individuals, but generations.

As we look ahead, our dream is to grow beyond South India and support more children across the country, and to make STF a hub where corporates can find not just talent, but stories of resilience and hope.

To every mentor, donor, and friend who has walked this journey with us, a big thank you! The last 20 years have shown us what is possible. And, the next 20 is going to be about reaching even higher!

Susan Thomas,
Member of the Founding Team
and Honorary Secretary, Sugun Thomas Foundation



The First Step Forward

Reena

I am proud to say that I was the very first alumna of the Sugun Thomas Foundation (STF). Looking back, I see how profoundly STF changed my life. I was raised by my mother, a single parent who worked tirelessly as a maid in multiple houses just to keep us going. For us, even day-to-day survival was difficult, and studying beyond school felt like an impossible dream.

When STF chose to sponsor me, my life took a new direction. I thought the support would stop at funding my studies, but STF gave me much more. They arranged spoken English classes, academic tuition, and even computer training. With their encouragement, I secured a merit seat at Anna University, in Mechanical Engineering, something that once felt far beyond my reach. My mentor, Susan ma'am, stood by me through those intimidating early days, reminding me to believe in myself. I went on to graduate with first-class distinction, and STF even equipped me with a desktop computer that helped me complete my final year project.

Campus placements brought me my first break at Renault Nissan, where I quickly proved myself, earning opportunities to work in both Japan and France. Later, I grew into senior engineering roles at Ford and Faurecia. Balancing work with motherhood was tough, especially during the pandemic when long hours and constant upskilling became the norm. But persistence paid off, and I earned another assignment in France and was certified as a domain specialist, the only woman among 50 candidates. Today, I work with Mercedes-Benz, contributing to cutting-edge projects in electric vehicles.



From being a maid's daughter studying by candlelight to owning my own home in Bengaluru and working for one of the world's most prestigious automobile brands, this journey feels surreal. STF did not just fund my education; they shaped my identity, gave me confidence, and stood by me as mentors and guides. I will always carry their support in my heart. If I can rise from such beginnings to where I stand today, I truly believe anyone can — with hard work, persistence, and the right support.



About Reena:

Reena is STF's very first alumna. The daughter of a single mother who worked as a maid, she once worried if higher education was even possible. With STF's sponsorship and mentorship, she secured admission to Anna University, graduated with distinction, and launched a successful career in the automobile industry. From onsite stints in Japan and France to senior roles at Renault Nissan, Ford, Faurecia, and now Mercedes-Benz, she has proven her resilience time and again. Today, Reena lives in Bengaluru and is not just a successful professional, but also a proud mother of two children.



In College



With Family

Paving The Path

Sangeetha

I am Sangeetha, the first alumna of the Sugun Thomas Foundation. My journey with the Foundation began in 2006. During this time, I completed my schooling at Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School, Egmore, and went on to pursue my undergraduate degree at Ethiraj College for Women.

The guidance, counselling, and constant encouragement I received from the Foundation - especially from my mentor, Preeti ma'am - gave me the clarity and confidence to pursue my career goals. In 2010, I secured a job with the Indian Postal Service, where I have proudly served for the past 15 years. Their belief in my potential gave me the courage to aim higher and successfully achieve my dreams.

With the stability of a regular income and the confidence that came from being financially independent, I was able to support my family in ways that once felt impossible. One of the happiest moments of my life was asking my mother, who had worked tirelessly as a maid, to retire. Today, she enjoys her time at home, proud to be a grandmother and to see how far our family has come.

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I will always remain grateful to Preeti ma'am and the Sugun Thomas Foundation for being the reason I could dream bigger and live the life I do today. I know my journey is only the beginning, and that many more success stories will continue to follow.

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About Sangeetha

Sangeetha holds the unique honour of being the very first alumna of the Sugun Thomas Foundation. From her early schooling years to building a career in the Indian Postal Service, her journey reflects how opportunity, mentorship, and belief can change the trajectory of an entire family.



In College



At the Workplace



With Family

When Dreams Find a Way

Nirmala

When the Sugun Thomas Foundation (STF) first visited my school in 2007, I never imagined how profoundly my life was about to change. I was a 10th-grade student at Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School, Egmore, and although I had always been a good student, the thought of pursuing higher education seemed far-fetched, given my family's financial means. When I was selected for STF's third batch, it was not just an opportunity; it was the beginning of a completely new chapter.

I still remember the warmth of the STF members when they visited my modest home. Their kindness put my parents at ease, and their belief in me gave me the courage to dream bigger. With my mentor Anitha's guidance, I built confidence, improved my communication through spoken English classes, and set my sights on engineering. I became the first in my family to even consider pursuing higher education.

STF supported my entire journey, from school through engineering at SRM Valliammai Engineering College, covering fees that my family could never have afforded. The mentors stood by me at every crossroad, helping me choose the right course, prepare for interviews, and even standing beside me at my wedding!

After graduating with distinction, I started as a software developer, building a career that took me from Chennai to Singapore. Life has not always been easy. Losing my parents during the pandemic, while I was abroad, was heartbreaking. But the emotional support of my STF mentors carried me through, just as they had during every milestone of my life. Today, I am a software professional in Singapore, a wife, and a mother. Looking back, I know with certainty that none of this would have been possible without STF's unwavering belief in me.

“**STF did not just change my life; they empowered me to change the course of my family's future. For me, they will always be more than a foundation. They are my extended family, my mentors, and the reason I was able to transform dreams into reality.**”

About Nirmala:

Chosen by the STF in 2007 as a young student from Presidency Girls Higher Secondary School, Egmore, she became the first in her family to pursue higher education. With STF's mentorship and financial support, she excelled in her studies, secured an engineering degree in Electrical and Electronics, and began her career as a software developer. Today, as a permanent resident of Singapore and a successful professional, Nirmala says that STF's unwavering guidance has helped transform her life, enabling her to dream bigger, achieve more, and set new milestones of progress for her family.



In College



At the Workplace



With Family



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From Beneficiary to Mentor

Manikandan S

My journey with the STF began in 2009, when I was in Class 12 at the Corporation Boys Higher Secondary School in Nungambakkam. My father was a lorry driver, my mother a homemaker. Life was always a struggle for me and my two elder sisters. It was then that STF visited our school. After interviews and even a home visit, I received a call from Anita ma'am, saying I had been selected for sponsorship. That one call changed the course of my life.

After my 12th results, I found it difficult to decide on the course to pursue. The day before my engineering counselling, STF members gathered at Mr. Vergis's home and helped me make the right choice. With their advice, I joined Jeppiaar SRR Engineering College to study Information Technology. STF funded my entire four-year degree - about ₹2 lakh - covering tuition and exam fees.

But their support went far beyond money. Since I was weak in spoken English, they arranged classes with Sugun sir's mother, which helped build my confidence and communication skills. My mentor, Mr. Vergis, was more than a guide; he became a friend, always available with wisdom and encouragement.

Armed with education and confidence, I began my career at Virtusa as an apprentice in 2014, moving later to Infosys. Today, I work at Bank of America as a Software Engineer. Along the way, I achieved things my family once thought impossible... I cleared all our debts, bought a plot of land near Chennai, and convinced my father to retire.

“**Looking back, I can't imagine where I would be without STF's continuous support and blessings. They not only gave me an education and a career, but also the dignity of lifting my entire family. Today, I proudly serve as an STF alumnus and mentor, continuing the cycle of support that once transformed my own life.**”

About Manikandan:

Manikandan's journey with the STF began in 2009 when he was in Class 12. As the son of a lorry driver and a homemaker, he once thought higher education was out of reach. With STF's sponsorship, mentoring, and support, he pursued a B.Tech in IT, launched a successful career with multiple corporate companies, and helped his family overcome debt. From buying land near Chennai to retiring his father, Manikandan's story is one of grit, gratitude, and giving back as an STF alumnus-turned-mentor.



In College



Periyasamy

My story begins with my mother, whose skill in making garlands, day after day kept our family afloat. While her pay was meagre, she single-handedly supported three children, and every sacrifice she made became a lesson in resilience. I was determined to honor that sacrifice through my academics - scoring 91% in my 10th standard exams, with a centum in Mathematics and the second rank in my school.

But as I approached higher secondary school, uncertainty crept in. How would my mother afford these fees? The question haunted me. That's when STF entered my life. Being selected as an STF beneficiary changed everything. The financial support was crucial, but what truly transformed my journey was the mentorship. My mentor, Mr. George, became more than just a guide. He was a steady presence through both academic struggles and personal challenges. He believed in me when the path ahead seemed unclear.

With STF's backing, I pursued a B.A. in Sociology at Loyola College, Chennai. I chose sociology because I wanted to understand society, to find ways to make a difference. After graduation, I joined Hewlett Packard Enterprise as a Process Associate, and for the first time, financial stability felt within reach.

However, stability wasn't my ultimate goal; making an impact was. In 2016, I resigned to prepare full-time for the UPSC examination. The IAS seemed like the ultimate platform to serve the nation. My first attempt didn't yield the result I wanted, so I prepared for my second attempt. But life had other plans. My family's financial situation worsened, prompting me to take up a job.

I joined the banking sector as a Branch Operations Head, trying to balance work and IAS preparation - a balance that proved increasingly elusive. After three years of juggling both, I made a difficult decision: I quit my banking job to dedicate myself fully to exam preparation. Then COVID-19 struck, disrupting everything. It forced me to reconsider my path. Instead of viewing this as a setback, I pivoted toward what I realised was my true calling: the social sector.

I became a Mahatma Gandhi National Fellow, creating district skill development plans that would shape livelihoods across Tamil Nadu. Later, I worked with the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, facilitating industry tie-ups and placements under the Naan Mudhalvan Scheme - a scheme designed to upskill youth and connect them to opportunities.

Today, I work as Manager (Co-working) at iTNT Hub in Chennai, supporting startups and contributing to Tamil Nadu's innovation ecosystem. I'm also pursuing a Post Graduate Programme in Business Management at IIM Trichy, continuing to grow and learn even as I lead.

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Looking back, STF was a guiding presence that stood by me in times of uncertainty, opened doors I could never have imagined and instilled in me resilience and a lifelong sense of social responsibility. Every milestone in my journey is a reflection of both my efforts and the unwavering encouragement of the Sugun Thomas Foundation.

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About Periyasamy:

Periyasamy grew up watching his mother make garlands to support the family, her determination becoming his blueprint for success. From a high school topper to an UPSC aspirant, his path was rarely straightforward. His story reflects how STF's support at a crucial stage can spark a lifelong commitment to growth and societal impact. Today, as a social sector leader and IIM student, he continues to give back, mentoring the next generation of changemakers.



At the Workplace

From Grief to Guidance: Two Decades of Mentorship and Meaning

When we began the Sugun Thomas Foundation nearly 20 years ago, it was out of love — and loss. Sugun's passing left a void that words couldn't fill. To honour his memory, we decided to sponsor two children. That's how it began - quietly and humbly - with our first two students, Sangeetha and Renna, who were both from corporation schools in Chennai.

Those early years were deeply emotional. We weren't just benefactors; we became part of their lives. We visited their homes, met their families, and understood their struggles firsthand. Many came from single-parent households, living in modest conditions, yet carried an incredible sense of purpose. One of our mentees, Nirmala, lived in a one-room home, studying under the light of a single bulb. She went on to complete engineering, work in our firm, and today she's thriving in Singapore with a family of her own. Seeing her journey come full circle is something we'll never forget.

What set STF apart then, and even now, is that mentorship was never just about financial help. Money opens doors, but guidance keeps them open. Our students needed not only funds but direction, exposure, and encouragement. In those days, our mentorship wasn't structured... it was deeply personal. We taught English and basic etiquette in our living room, shared books, guidance, and even clothes. My mother, a retired English professor, held Sunday sessions in spoken English and confidence-building — lessons that, years later, our students still recall fondly.

Over time, STF evolved from a small circle of friends into an organisation with systems, training, and structure. The mentorship model became more deliberate, with a Head Mentor guiding others, group mentoring sessions, and peer interactions. Yet, what never changed was the essence — the warmth and connection between mentor and mentee. We've shared meals, celebrated birthdays, and even attended weddings of students who have become part of our extended family.

What moves us most is seeing how the circle has widened. Many of our early beneficiaries now stand on their own feet — working in reputed firms, supporting their siblings' education, and even donating to STF. Some have come back as mentors, ready to give the same guidance they once received.

That's the true legacy of Sugun Thomas Foundation. What began as an act of remembrance has grown into a living chain of hope; one that turns empathy into empowerment, and transforms lives for generations to come.



From Courier Delivery to Civil Engineering

Manikandan K

In 2012, while writing my 12th standard computer science practical exam, my life took a devastating turn - my father passed away. Suddenly, I became the main support for my family, and had to manage not just household expenses, but also my sister's college fees. With no other choice, I took on multiple jobs, from distributing newspapers in the mornings, working at a courier service during the day, to helping in an ice cream shop in the evenings.

During this time of struggle, I was introduced to the STF. Being selected for their sponsorship was the turning point of my life. They not only supported my education but also gave me the mentorship and guidance I so badly needed.

One of the greatest blessings was being mentored by Ravi Chitturi, Technical Director of The KCP Limited. He stood by me at every step, motivating me through college, guiding me towards GATE coaching, and advising me on career decisions. Though I could not intern with his company during my sixth semester due to my IIT selection, he later welcomed me to KCP Technologies and gave me invaluable opportunities to learn and grow.

With his encouragement and STF's support, I graduated in Civil Engineering with First Class and Distinction. Soon after, I was placed at KCP Technologies Limited, where I now work as Assistant Manager – Civil. While working, I also pursued my M.E. in Construction Engineering and Management, and completed it with distinction. Balancing work and higher studies was tough, but with guidance and persistence, I achieved it.



Looking back, the transformation is overwhelming.

From working as a courier boy to supporting my sister's education, lifting my family up financially, and now

serving in a reputed organization... this journey has been

possible only because of STF's unwavering support and

Mr. Chitturi's mentorship. This is not just my success story;

it is proof that with compassion, mentorship, and determination, lives can be transformed.



About Manikandan:

Manikandan's life changed course after tragedy struck during his 12th standard exams when he lost his father. To support his family, he worked multiple jobs while still pursuing studies. STF stepped in with financial and mentoring support, it gave him the courage to continue his education. With the guidance of his mentor, he graduated in Civil Engineering with distinction, completed a post-graduation in Construction Engineering and Management, and now serves as an Assistant Manager at KCP Technologies Ltd.



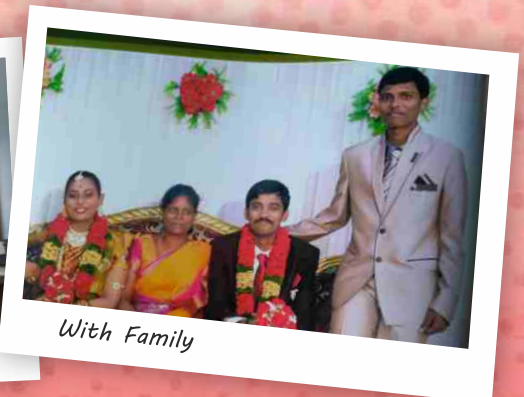
Childhood



In College



At the Workplace



With Family

Rising Beyond Silence

Parthiban

When I was born with a hearing and speech impairment, many people thought the double disability would limit me. But, I chose to see my life differently. I grew up in a modest household. My father once ran a lock-making business. When that collapsed, he later took up small jobs and continued to do so until his health declined. My mother gave up her job to care for me full-time. Money was always scarce, and when I finished school at St. Louis College for the Deaf in Adyar, my parents worried that college would be impossible.

That is when STF entered my life. With their support, I was able to pursue my undergraduate degree at the same college. More than financial help, STF gave me a mentor, Anita ma'am, who guided me at every step. My mother often says that without STF's care and Anita ma'am's support, we would never have come this far. With their encouragement, I graduated in 2014, and soon after, I trained in Tally and Photoshop to build my skills.

Life was not easy. I started working at a trust, but soon after, I was diagnosed with lymphoma, a form of cancer. It was a painful time for my family. I had to stop working and focus on treatment, but even then, I did not lose hope.

I wanted to give back, so I started a YouTube channel called DEAF-BRIGHT-WISDOM, where I taught sign language to UPSC aspirants. I charged a small fee and guided my students with dedication. Some of them even cleared their exams and secured government jobs. I, too, have cleared the Group 2 exam, but am still waiting for an appointment.

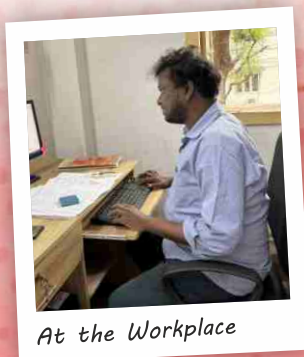
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Today, I work at Adyar Cancer Hospital, the same place where I once received treatment. I handle data entry and earn ₹22,000 per month. When I walk through those hospital doors every day, I am reminded that strength is not about what we lack, but how we face life's challenges. STF's support gave me a foundation, my family gave me love, and my spirit gave me courage. With these, I continue to rise, live with dignity, and inspire others never to give up.

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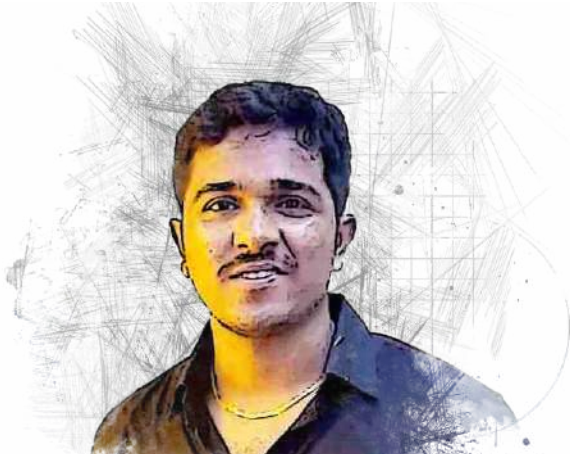
Born with a hearing and speech impairment and later diagnosed with lymphoma, Parthiban never allowed challenges to define him. With the STF's support, he completed his undergraduate studies at St. Louis College for the Deaf and went on to build a career rooted in resilience. From teaching sign language through his YouTube channel to supporting cancer patients with data entry work at Adyar Cancer Hospital, Parthiban has turned every setback into an opportunity to inspire others.



At the Workplace



With Family



From Struggles to Strength

Bhuvanesh

My name is Bhuvanesh, and I am proud to say that I am now a Manager at Reliance Industries Ltd. in Gujarat. But the road to this point was never straightforward.

I completed my schooling in 2014, and that is when STF came into my life. At first, I thought their support would just mean financial sponsorship, but it turned out to be so much more. With their help, I was able to pursue my B.Tech in Ceramic Technology at Alagappa College of Technology, a degree my family could never have afforded.

One of my biggest challenges was language. Coming from a Tamil-medium background, I found English very difficult, and it held me back from fully expressing myself. That is when my mentor, Preetha ma'am, stepped in. She invited me over to her home and personally helped me with English lessons. Slowly, I gained the confidence to speak fluently, and that gave me the courage to aim higher. In my third year, STF also prepared me for one of the most important milestones in any student's life - campus interviews. They arranged demo sessions, explained what to expect, and taught me how to present myself with confidence. Those lessons were invaluable.

Even after I secured a job, Susan ma'am stayed in touch and continued to guide me, reminding me to stay focused and grounded. That continuity of care is what makes STF unique; it isn't just about funding education; it's about walking with you at every step.

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Looking back, I realise how deeply STF has shaped both my career and my character. Without their support, I may not have had the courage or the skills to be where I am today. To all current STF students, I want to say this: make the most of this opportunity, work hard, and trust the guidance of your mentors. If I could overcome my struggles and stand tall in my profession, so can you!

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About Bhuvanesh:

Bhuvanesh's journey reflects how mentorship and opportunity can transform lives. Coming from a Tamil-medium background, he once struggled with English and lacked exposure to corporate environments. With the STF's sponsorship and personal mentoring, he pursued B.Tech in Ceramic Technology, built his confidence, and learned to face interviews with skill. Today, he works as a Manager at Reliance Industries in Gujarat, grateful for the support that shaped his career and outlook.



In College



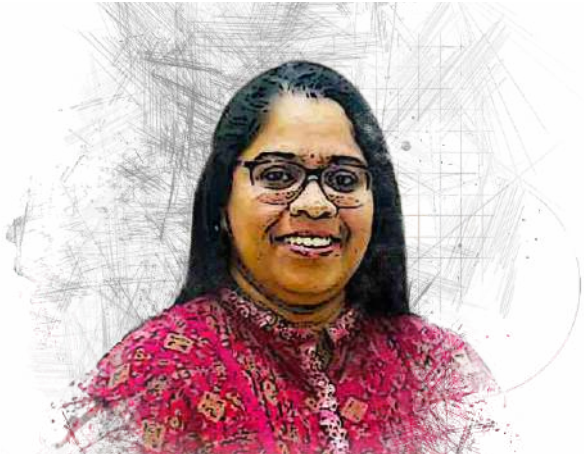
At the Workplace



At the Workplace



With Family



From Hope to Healing

Monica

My name is Monica and my journey with STF began in 2010 - the year that changed everything for me.

After completing my higher secondary education, my mother was the only earning member of our family. Life was challenging, but through her contacts at Good Shepherd School where she worked, we learned about the Sugun Thomas Foundation. That connection opened doors I never thought were within our reach.

STF supported me through B.Sc. Nursing at Shenbagha College of Nursing, Chennai, from 2010 to 2014. During the initial stages when I struggled with my studies, my mentors Anita Ma'am and Sashi Rekha Ma'am believed in me and provided the encouragement and guidance I needed. Their belief in me gave me the strength to persevere.

After graduation, I joined the Madras Medical Mission in Chennai. My three years there were rewarding - I even received the Exemplary Nurse Award. In 2018, I cleared the Health Examination for Saudi Arabia and took a leap of faith by joining General Hospital in Saudi Arabia, as a staff nurse. Moving abroad brought the financial stability my family had long sought.

My elder brother, who had completed B.Com through distance education, started working as a freelance accountant and is now establishing his own business. My father's passing two years ago was an incredibly difficult time, but STF stood by me, offering both emotional and moral support. Their presence reminded me that I was never alone in my journey.

Today, I have been promoted to Charge Nurse in the Medical Department. Now, I'm preparing for the next chapter - hoping to secure opportunities in Canada. On a personal note, I also got married earlier this year.

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STF has been with me through every milestone, providing not just financial assistance but mentorship, guidance, and emotional support through both achievements and challenges. They have celebrated my successes and stood by me during moments of loss, proving that their support goes far beyond education - it shapes lives.

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About Monica:

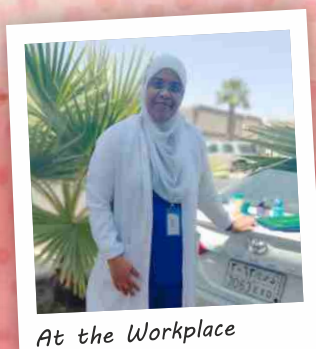
Monica's journey from a modest beginning to achieving her dream of working overseas demonstrates how comprehensive support can unlock global opportunities. When her mother was the family's sole breadwinner working as a school worker, pursuing nursing seemed challenging. Through STF's comprehensive mentorship and financial backing, Monica completed her B.Sc. Nursing, earned recognition as an Exemplary Nurse in Chennai, and progressed to become a Charge Nurse in Saudi Arabia. Today, she continues advancing her career while having achieved the financial stability her family once struggled to find.



Childhood



In College



At the Workplace



With STF Family



Proof that dreams do come true

Meena A

My name is Meena, and I work as a Senior Associate in one of the leading pharmaceutical companies. To many, this may sound like an ordinary career milestone, but for me and my family, it represents a transformation we once thought impossible.

Growing up, life was a daily struggle. We lived in a cramped one-room home, and my father worked as a daily wage labourer earning just ₹50 a day. On weekends, there would be no income at all, and my mother stretched every rupee just to ensure we had food to eat. There were times when even a single good meal felt like a blessing. Though education seemed like a distant dream, my parents never stopped encouraging me to study.

In 2015, I completed my 12th standard as the second topper in my school, but college felt out of reach. That's when my teachers stepped in. They saw my potential and applied to the STF on my behalf. I will never forget the moment when I was told STF would sponsor my engineering degree. It was as if a door to an entirely new future had opened.

With STF's support and the mentorship of Nalini ma'am, I pursued engineering with confidence. She guided me through every

challenge, reminding me that setbacks were only stepping stones. By the end of my degree, I had multiple offers from top MNCs and chose to begin my career with CTS. That first salary was more than money... for me, it was dignity, independence, and the beginning of a new chapter for my family.

Over the years, I worked hard, cleared old debts, and moved my family out of the small one-room space we had lived in for decades into a proper home. I also supported my sister through her education, and today, both of us are working professionals, able to provide our parents with security and peace.

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Looking back, I carry immense gratitude for STF and for the mentors who stood by me. Without their support, my life might have been very different. Today, I am proud to say that I am not only settled but also able to give back to my family. I stand as proof that with the right support, dreams do come true.

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About Meena:

From growing up in a one-room house, where her father earned just ₹50 a day, she rose to become a Senior Associate at a leading pharmaceutical company. With the STF's support, she pursued engineering, secured a corporate career, and transformed her family's life from daily survival to stability and dignity. Today, she stands proud as a changemaker, supporting her parents and inspiring others with her story.



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With Family

Beyond Books: Mentorship That Builds Futures

When I first joined the Sugun Thomas Foundation in 2017, I thought I was signing up to help students with academics. Eight years and eleven mentees later, I know now — mentorship at STF is far more than that. It's about nurturing confidence, resilience, and the belief that one's background need not define one's future.

Most of the girls I mentor are first-generation learners, stepping into colleges and spaces that often feel alien to them. Many come from families where simply completing school was an achievement. When they join college, they find themselves surrounded by peers from more privileged backgrounds — better spoken, better dressed, seemingly more confident. That's where our role as mentors begins.

We don't just track marks or attendance. We talk about time management, personal goals, internships, and career paths. We discuss how to choose additional courses that make them more employable. We help them build resumes, practise for interviews, and develop communication skills — the small but vital things that bridge the gap between education and employment.

Of course, mentorship is not confined to structured sessions. It happens over tea, laughter, and shared stories. We meet at malls, coffee shops, or sometimes even at home, wherever a student feels comfortable enough to open up. Some of the most meaningful conversations have come when a student admits her fear of failure or confusion about her path, and we work through it together.

What I love most about STF is how it treats every child as an individual. There's no one-size-fits-all definition of success. For some, it's securing a steady job and supporting their family; for others, it's pursuing higher studies and academic excellence. Whatever their dream, STF ensures they have the mentorship and emotional scaffolding to reach it.

Through the years, I've watched these girls evolve from shy, uncertain teenagers into poised young professionals. Every transformation reminds me why mentorship matters, because behind every confident graduate stands someone who believed in her before she believed in herself.





Justice Begins with Equal Opportunity

Malini

I was born into a middle-class family where my mother carried the weight of the world on her shoulders. My father's addiction to alcohol meant she was the sole breadwinner - not just for us, but for her parents and brothers as well. When I lost my father during my 10th standard, I made a choice: life had to go on. I scored well in my 10th and 12th standard board exams and dreamed of becoming an advocate, to contribute to society in my own way.

However, financial constraints threatened to turn my dream into just a dream. My mother could not afford the fees for a five-year law course. I was ready to compromise, to choose a different course that wouldn't add to her burden further. Then a spark appeared in our lives - Sashi ma'am, who told my mother about STF. My mother encouraged me to try, and after submitting documents and going through the selection process, I was chosen as an STF beneficiary.

STF not only provided financial support but also offered mentorship that proved invaluable. My mentor, Mr. Sundaresan, played a crucial role in my law journey. Being a first-generation graduate is challenging, but being a first-generation law graduate is even more so. Law has its own language, its own dictionary, and in my first year, I felt like I was learning English from scratch.

When I explained my struggles to my mentor, he guided me on how to understand and study law further, how to improve academically, and how to navigate my challenges. After countless struggles and sleepless nights, I passed my law degree with flying colors. In 2021, I enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

Today, I'm not just grateful to STF - I'm proud to be part of an association that lights up students' dreams without expecting anything in return. They continue to care about our well-being long after we step into society as professionals.

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The founders and members of STF played a tremendous role in shaping who I am today.

Without them, my dream would have remained just that—a dream in the dark, waiting for a light that might never come. They gave me that light, and now I carry it forward in everything I do.

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About Malini

Malini dreamed of becoming an advocate to serve society, but financial constraints threatened to extinguish that dream before it could begin. As a first-generation law graduate from a struggling family, she faced obstacles that went beyond just fees - from navigating an entirely new academic language to shouldering the weight of being her family's hope for a better future. But with the right support, mentorship, and her own unwavering determination, she transformed her aspirations into her reality and now practices as an advocate in Tamil Nadu.



Childhood



Graduation Day



With Family



Brewing Dreams Into Reality

Santhosh A

My name is Santhosh, and I am proud to say that I now work as a Lead Expert at Société Générale, an investment bank. But my journey began in a very modest home. My father worked as a tea master, and his meagre wages barely kept our family going. Life often felt uncertain for me and my two elder sisters.

I began my schooling in a private institution. But I had to face a lot of humiliation due to unpaid fees; I still remember being asked to stand outside the classroom. Eventually, I moved to a government school. Despite the challenges, I worked hard and scored 95% in both my 10th and 12th board examinations, with two centums. Yet, after finishing school, the question remained: how could I afford higher education?

My heart longed to study at a reputed institution like Loyola College, but given our financial situation, it seemed impossible. STF came into my life at that moment, as an answer to my prayers. With their support, I secured admission at Loyola College for B.Com. STF covered my educational expenses and gave me something even more valuable - guidance and mentorship.

My mentor, Cherian Sir, played a key role in shaping my journey. He constantly checked in, encouraged me to work on my communication, and guided me on the skills I needed to thrive. Loyola felt intimidating at first, but with his encouragement, I grew more confident, learned to adapt, and found my place.

“Today, my father is happily retired. I have been able to take care of my family, get both my sisters married, and rebuild our home. These accomplishments are not just mine; they are the fruits of STF's support. Without them, Loyola and Société Générale would have remained distant dreams. For me, STF is a family that lights the way for those in need. I will remain eternally grateful for the life they have helped me build for myself and my family.”

About Santhosh

Santhosh excelled academically, but faced the risk of discontinuing his education due to financial struggles. He was from a modest family where his father worked as a tea master. With STF's support, he secured admission to Loyola College and later a career with Société Générale, an investment bank. Today, Santhosh has not only built a successful professional life but has also been able to change the fortune of his entire family.



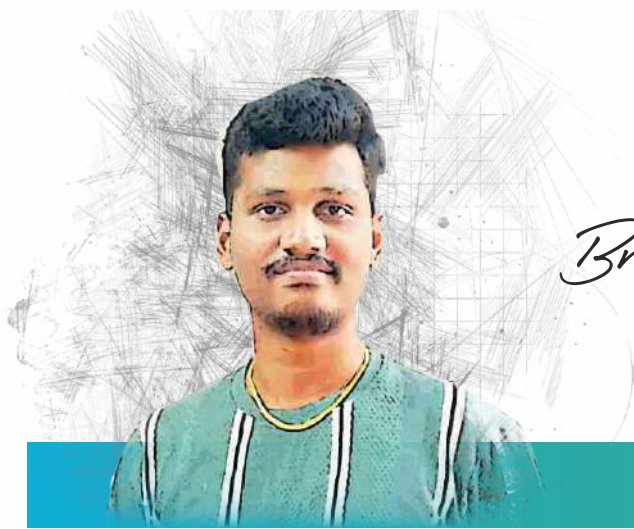
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In College



With Family



Breaking Barriers. Building Futures

Kamalesh

My name is Kamalesh, though most people call me Kamal. I studied at Daniel Thomas Matriculation Higher Secondary School and completed my 12th grade with 1151/1200 marks, securing third rank in my school. With a deep interest in mechanical engineering, I went on to join B.E. Mechanical Engineering at St. Joseph's Engineering College.

My father works as an accountant, and my mother is a homemaker. While they have always supported my ambitions, our financial situation was extremely difficult. At one point, the weight of tuition fees and other expenses became so overwhelming that I even considered discontinuing my education. It was during this time that the STF entered my life — a blessing that lifted a burden I thought was insurmountable.

STF did much more than cover my college expenses. My mentor, Mr. George, stood by me through every challenge. He encouraged me when I doubted myself, motivated me during setbacks, and gave me hope when the future seemed uncertain. Having someone believe in me so consistently was not only transformative, it also pumped in me the courage to keep moving forward.

With that support, I was able to focus fully on my academics, complete my engineering degree, and step confidently into the corporate world.

Today, I work at Deloitte, a milestone that once felt impossible. Beyond my career, I take pride in being able to support my family. I am funding my sister's B.Tech education at Anna University, and caring for my parents. All this has given me immense joy and fulfillment.

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Looking back, I realise that my journey is not just about personal success. It is about how education and mentorship can ripple outward, changing not just one life, but the future of an entire family. I am deeply grateful to STF for giving me the chance to dream bigger and achieve more.

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About Kamalesh:

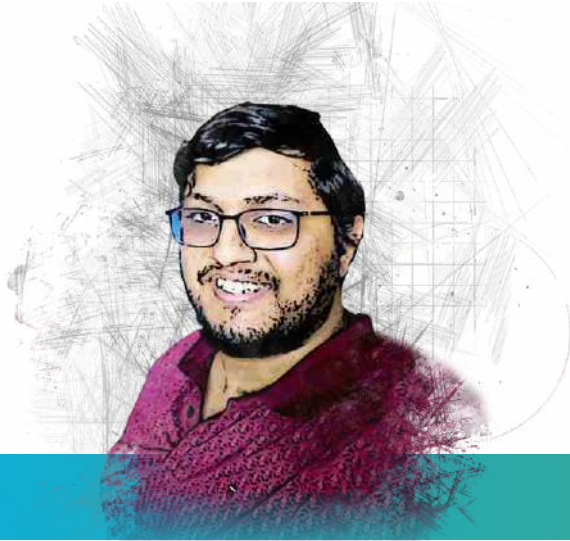
A school topper with a passion for mechanical engineering, Kamalesh's dream of higher education seemed out of reach given his family's financial struggles. With the support of STF and guidance from his mentor, he not only completed his B.E. in Mechanical Engineering but also secured a position in one of the Big4. Today, Kamalesh is proud to support his sister's education and take care of his family, proving that the right support at the right time can change lives forever.



Childhood



With Family



Audacious Dreams

Rahul

Life has a way of testing you when you're already at your limit. My mother and I were managing - just barely - on her salary from a private immigration agency. It was always a constant struggle to meet daily expenses and pay my college fees. Then her diabetes diagnosis derailed everything, and with it came a devastating blow: she lost her job. Suddenly, there was no income coming in and mounting medical expenses. With no assets to pledge and banks unwilling to offer loans at reasonable terms, I feared my academic journey might come to an abrupt halt.

What people didn't see was the weight we'd been carrying since 2015, when my parents divorced. The court gave my father custody of my younger sibling, which meant that I did not receive any child support. Our family ostracised us because of the stigma associated with divorce. We were left with almost nothing - an old scooter, some clothes, and my mother's ₹10,000 monthly salary. I traveled 60 km daily to a remote school that offered me a 50% scholarship based on my 10th-grade performance, because we couldn't afford anything closer.

It was during this difficult time, in 2019, that I was introduced to STF and my mentor, Susan ma'am. STF stepped in not just with financial support, but with consistent care, guidance, and encouragement. My mentor, Susan ma'am, always checked in on both my mother and me, becoming a source of emotional strength. STF also provided soft-skills training, which was invaluable during my job interviews and prepared me to step confidently into the professional world.

With STF's support, I completed my bachelor's degree in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. When Susan ma'am encouraged me to pursue an MBA despite our struggles, I hesitated. But her belief in me was unwavering, and in 2023, I enrolled with an education loan partially sponsored by my college. I was determined to overcome the financial challenges that once seemed insurmountable.

Today, I work as an Assistant Vice President at Wells Fargo, Hyderabad, and can fully support my mother's medical treatment. I recently purchased a new scooter for her convenience - a small but meaningful way to improve her daily life. I still have an education loan of ₹15 lakhs to repay, but I am determined to clear it and relocate to Chennai within the next year or two, so I can be closer to my mother and continue supporting her.

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Our journey hasn't been easy, and it's far from over.

But STF gave us something we'd lost along the way:

the belief that we could build a future worth fighting for.

We're still building it, one day at a time.”

About Rahul

Rahul's journey reflects resilience in the face of adversity. When a medical diagnosis cost his mother her job and threatened to end his education, they refused to let circumstances define their future - demonstrating how support, and determination can help overcome seemingly impossible circumstances. Today, as an Assistant Vice President at Wells Fargo, he not only supports his mother and is working towards giving back to others facing similar struggles.



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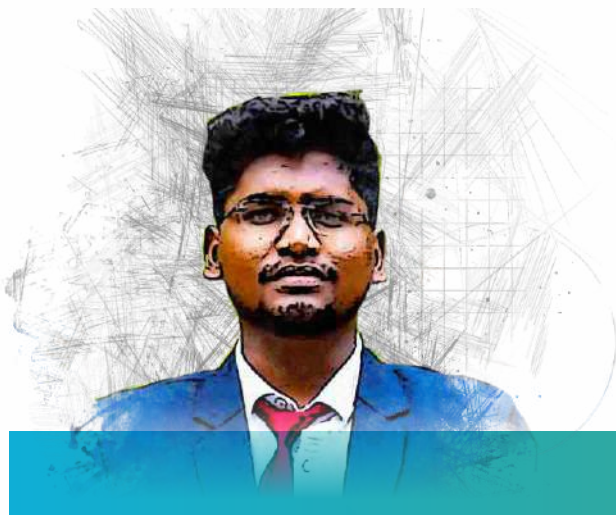
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At the Workplace



With Family



Healing with Hope

Jayaprakash

My journey with the STF is proof that sometimes, hope arrives when you least expect it.

I come from a humble background and was raised by my mother, who worked tirelessly as a tailor to support our family. When I set my sights on becoming a doctor, the road ahead seemed overwhelming. Clearing NEET was difficult enough, but the cost of pursuing an MBBS degree felt like an impossible dream. I searched endlessly for financial support through websites and advertisements, but nothing worked. With every rejection, the future seemed darker, and I was at the point of giving up.

Then, one day, while listening to a radio programme, I heard about STF. I dialed the number, not realising it would change my life forever. STF did not just fund my education; they believed in me. They saw my determination and gave me trust, encouragement, and everything I needed to stay focused. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when online classes became the only way to learn, STF gave me a smartphone, a laptop, and regularly kept up with mobile data recharges. Without that support, I would have definitely fallen behind.

Throughout this journey, I also had a mentor, Dr. Karthik Rajaratnam, who guided me through my toughest academic years. His encouragement helped me stay strong through five demanding years of medical school.

Today, I stand proud as Dr. Jayaprakash, an MBBS graduate who is preparing for my NEET PG exams. My dream is to serve society as a dedicated physician, healing patients with compassion and carrying forward the kindness that has shaped my journey.

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I promise myself this: just as STF lit a lamp in my life, I will pass that light forward. No student should feel alone or abandoned in their fight for education. If my story proves anything, it is that with support, determination, and belief, dreams can turn into reality.

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About Jayaprakash:

Jayaprakash once feared that his dream of becoming a doctor would end after he struggled to secure a NEET seat and get financial support. A chance radio programme connected him to STF, which not only funded his MBBS education, but also supported him through the pandemic with essential devices and mentorship. Today, Dr. Jayaprakash is preparing for NEET PG with the determination to serve as a doctor and give back to students like him.



In College



In College



With Family

Walking Beside, Not Ahead: The Mentorship Journey at STF

When people ask me what makes the Sugun Thomas Foundation (STF) different, I say this: we don't just fund education — we walk beside every child who receives it. As a teacher for over three decades, I've seen how many well-meaning programmes provide financial aid and stop there. But true transformation needs more than fees paid or exams passed. It needs guidance, encouragement, and a safe space to grow. That's what mentorship at STF stands for.

Our journey with each child begins early — when they are still tender, uncertain, and sometimes burdened by the circumstances they are born into. We pair them with mentors who are volunteers — not professionals doing a job, but people who genuinely care. These mentors stay connected, often for years, through college, first jobs, even life milestones. Some of my mentees are now married, settled, and are now mentoring others. That's when I know the circle is complete.

Mentorship here isn't just about academic success. It's about mending wounds, building self-worth, and helping young people see that they matter. We visit their homes, understand their realities, and guide them with empathy, not pity. We help them find direction when life feels overwhelming. There are no formulas at STF, only faith; faith that consistency and care can heal and empower. Since joining STF, I have mentored 18 students, and each one has taught me something different about resilience, dignity, and gratitude. When I see a child who once hesitated to speak now addressing a room full of professionals with confidence, I know we've done something right.

Mentorship, to me, is not about leading the way. It's about walking beside them, step by step, until the child finds their own light.





The First Graduate

Jayashree

Engineering college seemed impossible, as my entire family lived in one room, and I studied under the light of a single bulb. But, today, I work at Amazon as an Application Engineer, and this year, I built my dream home - all of which began with STF's belief in my potential.

I was selected by my school to apply for the STF scholarship as one of the top scorers in my batch, having scored 1102 in my Grade 12 Board examinations. My father worked as a security guard earning just Rs. 15,000 per month, while my mother managed our home. Living in a single room with my parents and brother, I had to study in the same space where we ate, slept, and lived our daily lives.

STF selected me after a thorough process that included interviews, a house visit, and an assessment of my family background. Being the first graduate in my family, this opportunity meant everything. STF not only provided financial aid but also guided me in choosing the right stream and college, helping me secure a seat in BE Electrical and Instrumentation at KCG College of Technology.

My mentor, Susan ma'am, regularly checked on my progress, encouraged me, and celebrated my achievements. The soft skills training organized by STF also played a crucial role in preparing me for placements, and building my confidence.

What I admired most was STF's determination to place every student in the best possible college, never settling for less.

After graduation, I joined Gavs Technology and later moved to Amazon where I am currently working as an Application Engineer. In 2022, when my father passed away, I became the sole breadwinner for my family - a responsibility I could handle thanks to the foundation STF had given me.

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This year, I achieved a milestone that once seemed impossible - building our dream home. We've come a long way, from once struggling under dim lighting, to now fulfilling small dreams, like buying things for my mother and taking her out, things which were beyond our reach in earlier days. STF has been more than a scholarship, it's been a life changing experience that empowered me to turn my struggles into a source of strength.

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About Jayashree:

Jayashree's path shows how talent and grit, when nurtured with the right guidance, can break through financial barriers. With her father working as a security guard and her mother as a homemaker, higher education seemed out of reach. But with STF's sponsorship, mentoring, and skill development programmes, Jayashree not only graduated as the first in her family but also built a strong career. Today, she works as an Application Engineer at Amazon, supports her family as the breadwinner, and has even built her dream home - a milestone she once thought impossible.



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My Home



With Family

A Second Chance

Ullaganathan

In 2020, when the pandemic brought uncertainty into everyone's lives, mine changed forever - I lost my father. Along with grief came a crushing financial burden. My family was left struggling, and my dream of becoming an engineer seemed to slip further away each day. At one point, I truly believed I would have to give up my education, not because of lack of effort or ambition, but because of circumstances beyond my control.

That's when STF stepped in. With their scholarship, I was able to continue my 3rd and 4th year of engineering without interruption. STF provided more than just financial help - hope when I had none. My mentor, Mr. H. Narayanan, became my anchor during those dark days. His constant encouragement gave me the strength to push forward and shape my career.

In 2022, I completed my engineering degree and secured my first job at GAVS Technologies as a .NET Developer. That opportunity marked the first step in rebuilding my life and career. With continued effort and encouragement from STF and my mentor, I soon transitioned to Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), where I currently work as a .NET Full Stack Developer.

“**STF gave me more than an education. They gave me the chance to rebuild what we lost and to honour my father's memory by becoming the person he would have wanted me to be. STF was the light during my darkest days, one that continues to guide my path forward. My aim now is to grow further in my career and, one day, give back to others the way STF gave to me. My journey has taught me that even when the world feels against you, the right support can help you find your way forward.**”

About Ullaganathan

Ullaganathan's story is one of courage and resilience in the face of personal tragedy. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he lost his father, and with him, the financial security his family depended on. At the time, he was in the middle of his engineering degree and feared that the lack of funds would force him to give up his education. STF's support enabled him to complete his engineering degree in 2022 and find employment at Tata Consultancy Services as a Full Stack Developer. Today, Ullaganathan not only supports his family but also helps fund his younger brother's postgraduate studies, building a future that once seemed out of reach.



In College



With Family



At the Workplace



Engineering A New Beginning

Indhu

My dream of studying engineering often seemed out of reach, due to my family's financial constraints. Today I work at Zoho as a software professional, but the path here was far from easy.

I was at a crossroads after school. My father ran a small waste paper and scrap collecting business, and my mother, who is physically challenged, managed our home. With a younger brother's future to consider, I began considering switching to arts, thinking that it was the more affordable path.

My entire perspective changed when my grandmother, who worked at an STF staff house, told me about the organisation. I never expected the call that came next - an invitation to attend an interview. After the selection process and house inspection, I became an STF beneficiary. That moment redirected the entire course of my life.

With STF's support, I secured admission to the computer science course at St. Joseph's College of Engineering in the first round itself. I was the first person in my family to attend college - a milestone that meant the world to us. But STF's impact went far beyond financial assistance. My mentor, Sumana Prasad ma'am, became instrumental in my growth. Our weekly conversations transformed my communication skills and built my confidence from the ground up.

The spoken English and skill development sessions arranged by STF further strengthened me, both personally and professionally. During my final year, I secured placement through campus recruitment and also pursued external opportunities. I was selected by Zoho through an off-campus drive even before completing my degree. The timing couldn't have been better as this was during the post-COVID period when my father's business was struggling, and my job came as a source of stability for our entire family.

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Today, I'm able to support my brother's higher education and contribute to family expenses, including my own marriage. I stand proud not just as an STF alumna or Zoho employee, but as someone who could fulfill her parents' dreams. None of this would have been possible without STF's constant guidance and care. STF didn't just fund my education; they walked beside me, every step of the way.

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About Indhu:

Indhu's journey is one of resilience and determination. With her father running a small waste paper and scrap collection business, and her mother managing the home despite being physically challenged, Indhu found herself on the brink of abandoning her dream. Through STF's support - financial aid, mentorship, and skill development - she became the first graduate in her family, earning a BE in Computer Science. Today, she works at Zoho, having secured her position even before her graduation, and has been able to contribute towards her family's stability, her brother's education and her own marriage expenses.



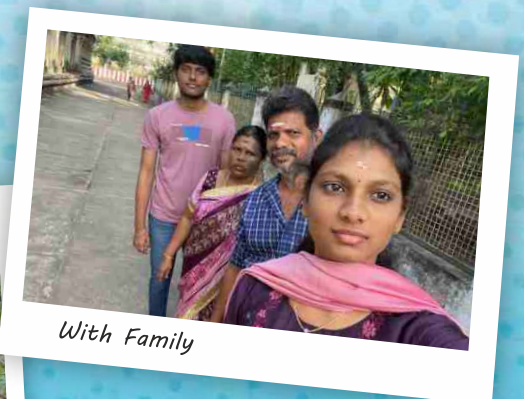
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When Dreams Find a Way

Navaneethakrishnan

In 2020, as the pandemic peaked, my life was defined by financial hardship. The mounting pressure of my college fees became a constant source of stress.

I had to borrow money from neighbours and relatives and before I could even repay the first year's loan, the second year's fees were due. My future felt uncertain, and my academic and professional dreams seemed almost out of reach. My mother passed away when I was young, and my father, a carpenter, was the sole breadwinner of the family, and was working hard to support my two elder sisters and my younger stepsister.

Seeing my struggles during my second year, my college referred me for a scholarship with the Sugun Thomas Foundation (STF). My selection was the turning point of my life. The immense financial burden was lifted, allowing me to finally focus on my studies instead on repaying the debt. STF ensured my fees were paid on time and even provided a laptop, which became an essential tool for my education.

Beyond financial support, I benefited immensely from STF's mentorship. My mentor, Ms. Ameeta Fernando, guided and encouraged me, helping me stay motivated through every challenge. I continue to share all my achievements with her to this date, as her presence and support has been invaluable through my journey.

With STF's support, I successfully completed my undergraduate degree. I secured a position at NIQ during the campus drive, and within a few months, I was promoted to Software Engineer. This achievement brought more than just financial stability - it gave me independence.

I was able to repay all the money we had borrowed, and for the first time in my life, I felt truly independent and secure. Today, I am proud to be building a new legacy for my family. I have taken on the responsibility of supporting my younger stepsister's education, ensuring she can pursue her future without the same financial anxiety I faced.

“Looking back, none of this would have been possible without STF's support. They didn't just help me with my education; they invested in my future, giving me the hope, confidence, and platform I needed to achieve stability and success. Today, as I continue to grow professionally and personally, I carry forward the lessons, encouragement, and resilience that STF instilled in me.”

About Navaneethakrishnan:

Navaneethakrishnan's journey from borrowing money from neighbours to pay his college fees to becoming a Software Engineer at NIQ exemplifies resilience in the face of adversity. COVID-19 brought unprecedented challenges, but for Navaneethakrishnan, the pandemic threatened to derail his education entirely. Through STF's backing and mentorship, he not only completed his IT degree but secured employment and promotion within months. Today, he has repaid all family debts and taken responsibility for his younger stepsister's education, breaking the cycle of debt for his family.



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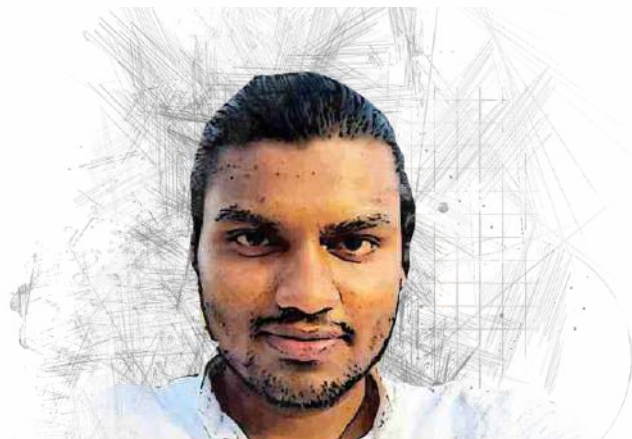
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At the Workplace



With Family



From loss to leadership

Srikanth Saravanan

My journey began in a small village where my father, a hardworking farmer, supported our family of five despite struggling with diabetes. Life taught me the values of hard work and resilience early on, but nothing could have prepared me for the challenges that came during the pandemic.

After completing my 10th standard, I had to shift from a private to a government-aided school 35 kilometres away, as we could no longer afford the school fees. Still, I managed to excel, scoring 94% in my 12th board examinations.

But before I could celebrate, tragedy struck. During the second wave of COVID-19, I lost my eldest brother, who had been caring for our grandfather. Soon after, while I was hospitalised, my father too passed away. In just two months, our family had lost two pillars, leaving us shattered and financially dependent on relatives.

With encouragement from my uncle, I joined SSN College of Engineering, making an initial payment without knowing how I would continue. That is when STF became my lifeline, supporting me not just financially, but also emotionally. The counselling sessions helped me cope with grief and gave me the strength to rebuild my confidence. I also found solidarity with other STF students, realising I was not alone in my struggles.

My mentor, Mr. Uday, guided me through these tough times, constantly motivating me to stay focused and prepared for opportunities. His support, along with STF's resources, helped me secure a position at Comcast India with an annual package of 12 LPA.

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Today, I live independently in Chennai, have taken medical insurance for my family, and am saving to buy a home where my mother can live with me. I honour the sacrifices of my family and the support of STF. My dream is to give back, to support others who face hardships, helping create change just as STF did for me.

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About Srikanth

During the pandemic, Srikanth lost both his father and elder brother and had to face financial hardship. STF provided him not just financial aid, but also counselling and mentorship, which helped him pursue his engineering degree with determination. Today, as a professional at a private company with a strong career start, he is not only financially secure but also committed to building a better life for his family and giving back to others like him.



Childhood



In College



At the Workplace

Mentorship That Moves with Time

When we began the Sugun Thomas Foundation two decades ago, we were simply a few friends trying to honour Sugun's memory by supporting deserving students. What started as a small gesture soon grew into something much larger — a living network of mentorship, learning, and transformation.

In the early days, we personally mentored our first few students. There were no systems, no formal training — just genuine care and a desire to help young people find their way. But as the Foundation grew, so did our understanding. We realised that funding education was only part of the journey. What students truly needed was direction — someone to help them choose the right path, build employable skills, and prepare for life beyond college.

Over the years, I have mentored nearly 20 students, many of them engineers from humble backgrounds. They often lacked guidance on what courses to pursue, how to build a career, or even how to present themselves in interviews. Through conversations, resume reviews, and mock sessions, I helped them recognise their strengths and make confident career choices. Watching them move from confusion to clarity, and then to successful corporate careers, has been deeply rewarding.

As STF evolved, so did my own mentorship model. I always had group mentoring sessions, where students learned from one another's journeys. Those weekends were special... filled with discussions on technology, teamwork, and confidence-building. Sometimes we met over breakfast or went cycling together; these were moments when mentorship happened naturally, through laughter and shared stories rather than formal meetings.

Today, many of my mentees are settled in India and abroad, leading stable lives and giving back in their own ways. Some have even returned as mentors. This, to me, is the greatest sign of success. At STF, mentorship has never been static. It has evolved with time — from simple guidance to holistic empowerment. It's about helping young people navigate not just education, but the complex road to opportunity, confidence, and purpose.



From Our Donors

Sundram Fasteners Limited (SFL)

Empowering Through Education

At Sundram Fasteners Limited (SFL), we believe education is the foundation of true empowerment — a value beautifully echoed in Tamil poet Avvaiyar's words: "A learned person is greater than a king. A king is respected only in his kingdom, but a learned person is respected everywhere."

Our partnership with the Sugun Thomas Foundation (STF) stems from this shared conviction. STF's transparent, structured, and results-driven approach ensures every contribution translates into lasting change.

What truly sets STF apart is its mentorship-based model — one that nurtures confidence, employability, and self-belief, empowering students to chart their own paths with dignity. This partnership reflects SFL's core values of integrity, excellence, and social responsibility, reinforcing our chairman's vision: "To raise people's standard of living as a means to build a better India."

We take pride in seeing STF alumna like Ms. Jeevanthika R. thrive as part of the SFL family, a living proof of how education and mentorship can transform lives.

Unifi Foundation

A Decade of Trust and Transformation

Unifi Foundation's association with the Sugun Thomas Foundation (STF) began from a place of friendship and respect for Sugun Thomas after whom it was named. What started as a personal connection has grown into a decade-long partnership built on shared values and faith in STF's enduring impact.

We continue to support STF because of its transparent, compassionate, and effective model, one that identifies deserving students and nurtures them through a thoughtful mentorship programme that extends well beyond financial aid.

STF's culture of integrity, clear purpose, and long-term commitment mirrors the ethos of the Unifi Foundation. These qualities, combined with STF's sustained engagement and focus on empowerment, ensure that every contribution leads to lifelong change.

We are also proud that seven Unifi employees volunteer as mentors, walking alongside students through their education and personal growth journeys. Witnessing the transformation of these young minds and their families at STF's Annual Day each year reaffirms our belief that education, when coupled with mentorship, can change generations.

Help us write the next 200 success stories.

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