



LIFT, which is housed under YES Network, was started by Ann Young in 2008. The program provides displaced students a monthly stipend that is predicated on their class attendance and grades.

Among high school students, the average daily attendance is 51% for students not living at home, compared to 84% for their housed peers (USC Center for Higher Education Policy Analysis). LIFT offers financial assistance in efforts to alleviate some of the obstacles keeping these students out of school.

### **Profile of Students Eligible for LIFT Program:**

- ☆ Student is in grades 9 thru 12
- ☆ Student is living with someone other than a birth parent. The person he or she is living with probably has legal guardianship.
- ☆ Student has been denied services by any agency similar to LIFT that financially supports students living with someone other than a birth parent.
- ☆ The family that the student is living with would benefit by the services and support of the LIFT program.

*Dear LIFT Staff and supporters,*

*My name is Jorge D. and I want to thank you for the support you have given to me the past three months. Before receiving this assistance both my nana and I were extremely stressed out about making ends meet. I wanted to help my grandmother because she doesn't have much money and is sacrificing a lot to take care of me. I have helped buy food, pay bills and buy some much needed clothing. **Being in your program has made it easier to focus on my school work and given me confidence that I can continue my education and graduate in the future.***

*-Jorge D*

*Dear LIFT Program,*

*I just want to say thank you very much for all your help with these checks. You guys helped in every way with my kids' supplies and mine. It's made my life and my family's less stressful to have to worry about money to buy things that I and my kids need. I am really thankful to have your group members a part of me and my family.*

*-Irene C.*

### **Examples of Students in the LIFT Program:**

Mary is 17 years old. Her aunt has legal guardianship and is struggling financially.

John is 15. He has lived with his grandmother for years. Grandmother is retired and can use all of the support she can get to help encourage John to stay in school until graduation.

Carmen is from Mexico. Her mother is deceased. Her father still lives in Mexico. Carmen is an A student who works full time and attends school full time. She lives with her disabled aunt.

If you or someone you know may be eligible for LIFT:

Please call Milini Simms at (520) 297-0702

for more information or an application packet