

A Big Thank You

The SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund was set up in 2007 with an aim to help less privileged medical students with basic living expenses while they are in medical school. Since it was initiated, the fund has provided support to 85 medical students from the National University of Singapore (NUS) Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (YLLSoM), to the tune of close to \$330,000.

“There is really no more relevant cause to us than helping our poor youths who desire and deserve a meritocratic medical education.”

– Dr Wong Chiang Yin, 48th SMA President (2006-2009)

“SMA has raised the real concern of ensuring that the most capable young people continue to join the profession, regardless of their economic background. Entry to the profession of doctors must remain meritocratic. To accomplish that, medical education must be made affordable to all.”

– Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, then NUS Senior Deputy President, at the SMA Cheque Presentation Ceremony on 18 March 2008

The recipients of the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund for Academic Year 2012/2013 are:

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| 1. Cheng Ming Hua Jonathan | 6. Moganapriya D/O Gunasegaren | 11. Ooi Xue Ting |
| 2. Hong Liyue | 7. Nicole Chew Jia Hui | 12. Roland Xu Weixiang |
| 3. Lee Khee Jin Ryan | 8. Ong Qing Liang | 13. Seet Qi Sharlene |
| 4. Lo Ying Tai | 9. Ong Yilin | 14. Seow Chze Kian |
| 5. Magneline Ang | 10. Ong Ying Fa Wilson | 15. Shen Xiayan |

SMA would like to extend our sincere thanks to all supporters and donors to the SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund since its inception, and would also like to encourage the recipients of the fund to continue to pursue to make a positive difference, and to make the world a better place.

If you would like to make a donation, please make your cheque payable to the National University of Singapore, and write “SMA Medical Students' Assistance Fund” on the reverse. Your generosity will go a long way in helping less privileged medical students at NUS with their living expenses. You can also donate online at <http://www.giving.nus.edu.sg/sma> or contact the SMA Secretariat at sma@sma.org.sg for more details. **SMA**

Some words of appreciation from the recipients to our donors who made this fund possible:

“You have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community... I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”

– Cheng Ming Hua Jonathan, fifth year student

“Beyond just aiding my financial situation, such financial aid schemes always serve to remind me that as a medical student, I am part of a medical community that looks out for one another and supports each other in times of need.”

– Lee Khee Jin Ryan, second year student

“In the midst of this slightly stressful transition, I was greatly relieved to receive the much needed financial assistance, as it is a substantial amount that will help to offset much of my daily living expenses.”

– Magneline Ang, first year student

“I thank you for generously donating such a hefty sum to someone whom you have never met, for someone whom you are not obliged to help. I thank you for inspiring me to give back to the society.”

– Moganapriya D/O Gunasegaren, second year student

“Thank you for investing in the future of the medical students... And thank you, for supporting me through the difficult times.”

– Roland Xu Weixiang, third year student

