

Lioncare - Statements by HIV-AIDS Patients PDF

P (female), aged 21 has been receiving support from the LHS for many years. She received the HIV virus from her mother who was infected by her father. Both her parents passed away from AIDS when she was only 2-3 years old. She lives with her grandmother who is 80 years old and unable to work. She has a part-time job and works hard to feed herself and her grandmother and to pay for her school fees. She is currently in her 4th year at Ramkhamhaeng University and requires 40 more credits to graduate. She is studying journalism. However, she is not in perfect health as she suffers from asthma and gets little rest, as she has to work for a source of income from 3PM to 11PM or midnight as a waitress.



NN (female), aged 11 is currently a 1.6 student. Her step-mother is a single mother; she recently passed away 5-6 months ago from AIDS. Both her parents are HIV positive, with her mother receiving the virus unknowingly from her father. However, NN's parents separated before her birth and during pregnancy, NN's mother was unaware that she was HIV positive. However, after NN grew to the age of 1, she and her mother became frequently sick, leading doctors to run blood tests which revealed that NN, along with her parents were all HIV positive. Following her mother's passing, NN lived with her grandparents and aunt in their rental home for company employees. NN's grandmother is not employed due to her advanced age and her role as the caretaker of both NN and the house. NN's grandfather and aunt have to work hard to provide for NN, her grandmother, and her great grandparents living in rural Thailand. NN does not know that she is HIV positive.

FM (male), aged 13 is currently a u.2 student and lives with his mother and sister. He received the HIV virus through his mother who received it from his father. His father has passed away from AIDS and his mother is in poor health due to the virus, though she continues to work. She provides laundry services and has to take anti-infective drugs constantly. FM has an older sister who is not HIV positive. She has recently taken up a job and has to work extremely hard to support her family. FM particularly enjoys learning about science and mathematics. FM's mother has said that he barely survived 3 days after his birth as lymph fluids were constantly building up beneath the skin on his head. Upon running blood tests, doctors found out that FM, along with his parents were all HIV positive.

