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# LWR SMILES

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## Window to the Soul

The young man's eyes first captured my attention. You could see the pain, the questions, the sorrow in his eyes. I saw his eyes first, then saw the cleft lip. We introduced ourselves and discovered that Shivanna was 21 years old.

He had faced much ridicule growing up in rural India. The locals teased him and called him names. While he was in school, even the teachers joined in the harassment. In spite of this, Shivanna worked hard in school. He persevered and achieved an associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

We encouraged Shivanna to keep at his goals. We told him that his story reminded us of our son, Philip. I still hear the names that unfeeling people hurled at my son. In school, Philip was a hard worker and would patiently speak to his teachers and peers to help them understand him.

Shivanna inspired us when we first met him, and he continues to inspire us to work hard at transforming lives. It is our hope that every person who comes through the Love Without Reason mission will have the same transformative story to bring beauty out of what was once ashes.

Do you see Shivanna's eyes now? Thanks to your generosity and support, Shivanna has hope in his eyes now. Thank you for making a difference in his life. Let's keep working Until The World Is Cleft-Free!

- Susan Mathews



*Shivanna with his mother after surgery*





## 5th Annual Shine Fashion Show

Shine Fashion Show was held on Saturday, April 6, 2019, in Atlanta and featured headlining designer, Sushma Patel and Esther Maina of Wilpek Fashions. The Indo-African themed show started off with an elaborate Bollywood style dance by the Dancin' Gandhi dream team of Shivani Gandhi and Karishma Amin.

The Shine Fashion Show is an annual fundraiser that benefits the organization, Love Without Reason (LWR) and its fight against human trafficking. Love Without Reason is a 501 (c)(3) that is headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee with operations in Mumbai and Bangalore in India, and Harare, Zimbabwe and Nakuru, Kenya in Africa.

Since 2012, over 520 surgeries have taken place in India and Africa. Children born with craniofacial birth defects are frequently ill, malnourished, uneducated and vulnerable to human traffickers who would sell their organs and their bodies to the highest bidder. A simple cleft surgery will reduce the risk of these children to be sold into human trafficking networks.

The Shine Fashion Show is not only a fundraiser, but also an initiative that shines a spotlight on human trafficking. Educating the public is a weapon that can destroy the evil of human trafficking. What is human trafficking and what are signs to be aware of? Is there a hotline number to report something suspicious? These are just some questions that are addressed at the event to educate the public and raise awareness of the crime. And yes, there is a national hotline number to report something suspicious. Call 1-888-373-7888 if you suspect human trafficking and suspicious activity. You could save a life!

You can be a part of Love Without Reason and its fight against human trafficking by financially contributing at [www.lovewithoutreason.org/donate](http://www.lovewithoutreason.org/donate) or by mail Love Without Reason, P.O. Box 21009, Chattanooga TN 37424

# LOVE WITHOUT REASON®



## To the Class of 2019

Congratulations to the class of 2019! The inspiration behind Love Without Reason is our very own graduate Philip Mathews. He will walk across the stage to receive his high school diploma next month!

The day after Philip was born in the year 2000, the specialists did a CT scan of his brain. We were told that the appearance of his brain and the absence of the corpus callosum were indicative of a child who would be mentally and developmentally delayed, requiring special education for the rest of his life.

Gradually, we saw him grow and change. He graduated from the Siskin Children's Institute, then was promoted from 5th grade at Westview Elementary School into the McCallie School, where he will receive his diploma. Philip has been accepted into Lee University with several scholarships!

It is our hope and our dream to hear about similar and even greater achievements of every single life touched by Love Without Reason. We have seen the beauty rise out of Philip's broken experiences. Our dream is to see the same beauty rise in every country Love Without Reason enters.



### Save these dates:

5KRun4Love on September 14, 2019 at the TN Riverpark. Registrations open in June

International Medical Mission in Zimbabwe planned for Fall 2019



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