Laxmi born on 8th May 1993, in a Hindu family in the slum of Dharavi, in Mumbai. My mother died when I was 6 years old and my father was a drunkard. Every day he used to beat us when we asked for food. I had an elder brother and a twin sister, Rama. When I was 7 years old, my sister was taken away by one family to do the household work and look after their old mother. At that time, I was all alone begging and eating and sleeping under a car or other, protecting myself from harm.

Once when my sister came to see me, I went with her to the place where she was staying. It was a teacher's house, who herself was a cancer patient, but took good care of us. I made up my mind to stay there and went to school along with my sister. My father too died when I was in class 4. This was the time Chalice entered into our life like a savior. My twin sister and I got the opportunity to be part of Chalice sponsorship program in the year 2001. We completed our graduation, earn a good salary and enjoy and privileged status in society.



