Tamale Teaching Hospital 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023

Dear Members of the iSTEPup Foundation,

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the scholarship support you provided me during four years of my medical school tuition at UDS Medical School in Ghana.

I was just inducted as a medical Doctor in Ghana and I owe it to you! I was on the verge of tears when I took the Hippocratic oath on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2023, as thoughts of the wonderful help I had had during my journey crossed my mind. The iSTEPup foundation stood out in that emotional moment. You consistently paid my tuition fees, from my third year to my sixth year of medical school, gave me a beautiful laptop in my final year, and supported me with words of encouragement and comfort. Your immense support motivated me to get the best grades in every rotation of mine. I am eternally grateful.

When my colleague, Paul Kwofie told me about this benevolent group, I thought it wise to apply because I was in dire need of financial help and I am glad I did. My mum has been on pension for three years now showing how timely your help was needed by me. Your generous scholarship has been instrumental in shaping my future, and I am thrilled to announce that I am now a legally qualified medical Doctor. My childhood dream has come true!

Please let me know if there are any opportunities to stay connected or contribute back to the iSTEPup Foundation. I am eager to give back and support future scholars, just as you have supported me. Although I never had a personal buddy, I had the entire board and I am grateful for that too. I hope to be a buddy someday.

I am excited to share my future plans with you. I aspire to pursue a residency in Internal Medicine in either the USA or the UK, where I can further develop my expertise in the field of medicine. My ultimate goal is to specialize in Infectious Disease, and work for the World Health Organization too. I would be immensely grateful for any guidance or assistance you could provide on this journey. Your continued support and mentorship would mean the world to me as I embark on this challenging and rewarding path.

Once again, thank you for believing in my potential and for investing in my education. Your foundation has not only lightened my financial burden but has also inspired me to strive for excellence in my chosen field. I promise to work tirelessly to honour your trust and make you proud. To everyone in this wonderful foundation, I say Thank you! Especially to Janieke (who has been an angel, working tirelessly on every concern of mine), Nick (who has made me happy with every school fees receipt of mine) and Elsielien (my long-lost buddy who I wish I got to know). I hope to soon know the rest of the amazing team who are making many dreams a reality. I look forward to the opportunity to share my progress with you in the future.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Adwoa Benyiwah Amoah

