

KASHMIR ORPHANS RELIEF TRUST

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KORT's children at school

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KORT NEWSLETTER

UK PARLIAMENTARY RECEPTION FOR KORT

The Kashmir Orphans Relief Trust team was given a Parliamentary Reception at the House of Commons, in London, on 31st March 2008 by the Honourable Member of Parliament Marsha Singh, to celebrate KORT's achievements. The event was attended by the honourable Prime Minister of AJK, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan; the Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan, Abdul Basit; the UK Sports Minister, Gerry Sutcliffe MP; the UK Minister for International Development, Shahid Malik MP. Also present were business people and community leaders from across the United Kingdom.

Marsha Singh, in his opening speech commended the KORT team for achieving so much in a very short time. He particularly paid tribute to our chairperson Mohammed Akhtar, whom he affectionately described as 'action man' for his tenacity, drive, boundless energy and determination for getting things done. The Prime Minister, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, came especially for this event despite a very busy schedule. He spoke with pride in acknowledging KORT's genuineness, transparency and achievements. The PM commended the very positive contributions

being made by people of all backgrounds both here in the UK and around the world. He restated his commitment and support to KORT in alleviating any bureaucratic blockages in furthering our aims, objectives and vision. Messages of support were also received from all of the keynote speakers

A presentation was delivered to an audience of over 150 selected business people and community leaders focussing on the progress made thus far. In particular highlighting the educational achievements of existing children, the development of the new Complex in Jarrikas, Mirpur, AJK and the various fund raising initiatives/awareness raising seminars.

Sajad Hussain of Sathi Food Products, Bradford said, 'I am honoured and privileged to be a part of this event and to be associated with KORT and I am donating £30000 for Marketing & Promotional costs for the next 12 months'.

We are grateful to Marsha Singh for hosting us at the Parliamentary reception and would like thank everyone who attended.



Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe MP with Marsha Singh MP



Delegates with PM(AJK) Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan



KORT's Trustees with PM(AJK) Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan



INT Development Minister Shahid Malik MP with KORT's Chair

Welcome

to KORT's second newsletter in which we hope to provide you with an update on the developments since our last newsletter in December 07.

We have had to modify the original plans for the educational complex to take into consideration health and safety requirements which had inadvertently been overlooked. The health and wellbeing of all our students and staff is paramount and clearly we have a duty of care for all of them. Hence the changes. See fig 1. for an aerial view of the new complex.



Fig 1. KORTS New Educational Complex

The most exciting and significant news to report is that the preparation work on the 100 kanals of land donated by the Kashmiri government for the orphanage has commenced and is progressing. The ground levelling stages are nearing completion despite, experiencing initial problems with workforce and machinery and inclement weather. The work on the water well which began in December 07 has recently been completed. The water has been tested at an approved Laboratory and has been certified fit for consumption. Construction work on Phase 1, the school and admin block is due to start in May 2008.



KORT's New Complex water well



Workmen at KORT's New Complex



Ground Levelling at KORT's New Complex



Juggy D at Bradford Concert



Bradford Concert

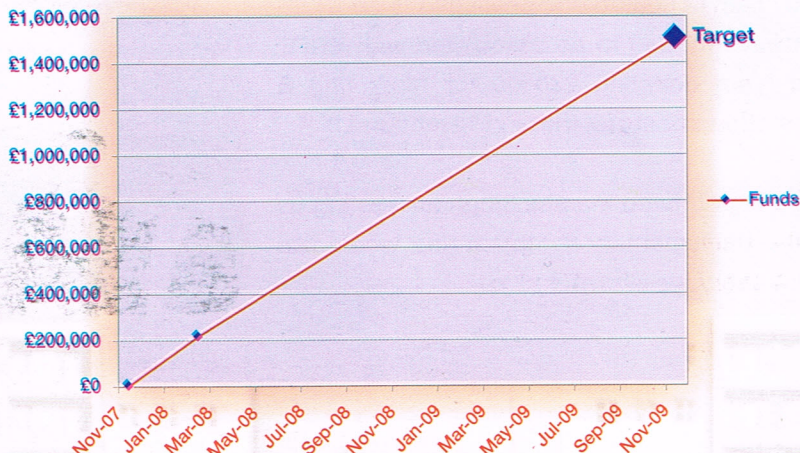


Rahim Shah at Bradford Concert

Fund Raising

We have been actively involved in organising a range of fundraising and awareness raising initiatives. Live TV appeals have been made and two dinner concerts were held in Bradford and Southall, attended by over a 1000 people. Rahim Shah, Juggy D and various other artists performed at these concerts.

Fund Raising Profile



Awareness raising events have already been held in London, Hemel Hempsted, Birmingham, Leicester, Bradford and Leeds. All of these events have raised much needed funds and increased our profile.

Forthcoming Events

Awareness raising events are being held in the coming months at Newcastle, Bradford, Sheffield, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Banbury and London. Please come and support your local event, get to know the project developments and share information with friends, family and everyone else you know.

Ways to Help

Ways you can help and support the project:

- **Sponsor a child**

£35.00 a month will provide welfare, food, medical care, and education for a child. We will give you an annual progress of the child you sponsor. You may visit the child by prior arrangements at KORT's Education Complex

- **Sponsor a Room**

£3850.00 includes cost of construction and furnishings. Permanent plaques can be installed in the donors name or person/s of their choice

- **Donations**

Donation of any amount is welcome for the construction of the Mosque, Hospital, Sports Hall and Hostel

- **Volunteering**

Opportunities will be available for voluntary work upon completion of the new complex. Further information will be provided on our website

- **Awareness Raising Seminars**

You can help us by arranging your local awareness raising event. For further informations please contact your city rep or the UK Head Office



Marathon effort

Thank you to Ayesha Henna Ali who ran the Bath marathon on 16th of March 08 to raise money for KORT. We would welcome such fund raising efforts from other brothers and sisters.

Orphanage Visits

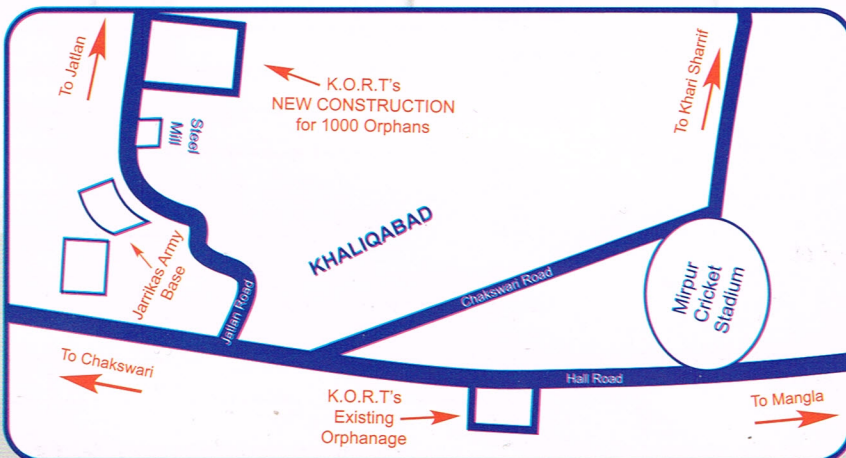
If you would like to visit the orphanage in Mirpur and meet our children and staff please contact our UK head office to arrange your visit. We recommend that you come and see at first hand, the nature and quality of the education being provided with pastoral support currently being delivered to our children and share this news with others.

Visit us at:

Saif Plaza, Hall Road, Sector F/4, Mirpur, AJK
or Call us : +92 58610 37044 or +92 30098 67760



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Name: _____
Address: _____
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- Sponsor an Orphan £35.00 per month
- Sponsor a room £3850.00
- Donation for the Mosque
- Donation for the Basic Health Unit (Hospital)
- Donation for Water Facilities
- Donation for Multi-Purpose Hall

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