



KORT children with Rahim Shah at the Serena Event

K.O.R.T RECEIVES OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

On 20th February 2009, KORT hosted a gala event at the Serena Hotel in Islamabad to celebrate KORT's achievements to date and to promote the project to a wider audience of supporters and benefactors who have shown a desire to help K.O.R.T reach its overall goals.

The event gathered together a number of powerful and influential figures from public, private and business sectors demonstrating the strength KORT has developed in the region and its desire to unite a community for the benefit of its children.



From left to right :- Ms Shahnaz Wazir Ali, Mohammed Akhtar, Rahim Shah, Sardar Asif Ahmed Ali, President (AJK) Raja Zulqernain Khan, Hamid Akhtar Chadda.

Honorary guests attending included Raja Zulqernain Khan, President of AJK, Sardar Asif Ahmed Khan, federal minister and deputy chair of the Planning Commission of Pakistan, Shahnaz Wazir Ali, Special Secretary of Social Sector to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Rahim Shah, KORT Patron and Hamid Akhtar Chadda, vice-chair, Pakistan Chamber of Commerce. Also in attendance was a group of over 250 highly successful and prominent members of the business community.

President Raja Zulqernain Khan was fulsome in his praise of

RAMADHAN APPEAL

As we approach the holy month of Ramadhan, it is crucial not only to remember our needy brothers and sisters in our prayers but to donate wholeheartedly. Construction of the new educational complex is underway and our children are relying on your donations to ensure this work continues unabated and the building is ready for use at the earliest. Giving is an act of Ibadat for which the rewards are immense.

KORT's work, saying the work exemplified the commitment the organisation has to the children whose lives it strives to improve and support. The president praised the remarkable achievements KORT has accomplished so far.

Sardar Asif Ahmed Ali held-up the work of KORT as an example to all working to improve the lives of the people and recommended KORT as a model organisation for all agencies working in AJK to follow. He gave promise of his commitment to the continued support of KORT.

Shahnaz Wazir Ali praised the hard-work, energy and commitment that KORT had put into the projects development. Ms Wazir Ali, who has personally sponsored a room, spoke of the need to maintain the commitment to the project and to ensure a bright future for all the children and young people affected by the catastrophe. She acknowledged the support of Pakistan's business corporations and urged others to commit to the projects proposal to deliver a purpose built education complex and therein meet the individual needs of all its children.

The audience was privileged to have the opportunity to hear from a young girl orphaned by the 2005 earthquake tragedy. She spoke eloquently and movingly about the vital role KORT is playing in helping her rebuild her life and the lives of others. Her speech provided a heartbreakingly stark reminder of why we are all working towards the achievement of our goal and expressed to all present of the need for the continuation of the vital work KORT is undertaking.

Her appearance in front of so many prominent people conveyed a shining example of KORT's work and the importance of continuing to build upon it for the benefit of future generations.

There are many ways you can give and the following is just an example: (Per Child)

- EID GIFT - £20 • Eid Clothes £30
 - SCHOOL UNIFORM (2 Pairs) - £25
 - SCHOOL BOOKS (Annual) - £ 20
 - STATIONERY (Annual) - £15
 - CASUAL CLOTHES (6 Pairs Annually) £40
- For other donations please see back page.



Welcome

Welcome to our Ramadhan edition of KORT newsletter. We have much to share about developments and progress made since our last newsletter in March 09. Included are various sections including fund raising, dates of live TV and radio appeals.

Construction Update

With the Grace of Almighty Allah, the leveling of land is almost complete and construction work on the New Educational Complex commenced six months ago.

Phase 1- The school building, so far an area of over 32,000 Sq. Feet has been covered (built), equating to 25 class rooms. Management of such a large project has been challenging not least working in temperatures reaching over 40°C and occasional monsoon rains that render the area unworkable. However it is a challenge to which we must rise for the sake of our children.

The increasing cost of materials, particularly steel and cement has not helped. Despite these hurdles the construction work is progressing at full speed.



Phase 1: KORT School Building

Recent Events

Charity Gala (Leicester)

A 'Ladies Only' gala/ dinner event was held at the Athena Conference and Banqueting Centre on Sunday 21 March, 2009, to raise funds for KORT and victims of the Gaza war. The total sum of £9836 raised, was shared equally with Interpal and KORT. This event was extremely well attended, largely due to the tireless efforts of Farida Ijaz, who organised the event. We would like to thank Farida and all the volunteers who helped for their hard work, effort and time.

"Caring Bradford"

A fund raising dinner was held at the Hilton Hotel, Bradford on Saturday 23rd May 2009. Chief guests included former Prime Minister of AJK, Barrister Sultan Mahmood Choudhary, Gerry Sutcliffe MP, and Minister of Sport and KORT patron, Marsha Singh MP, KORT patron, Fayyaz Ali Abbasi, Secretary of Civil Defence, Information and Tourism, AJK, Austin Perry Clark, Editor, Bradford Telegraph & Argus and Mohammed Akhtar, KORT Chairman. The event was attended by over 500 guests, dignitaries and the KORT team. The money raised was donated to KORT and Marie Currie Cancer Research.

Meena Bazaar (Birmingham)

A charity event was coordinated by Shezadi Shah and friends at the Regents Park Road Banqueting Centre, Birmingham on 11 July, 2009. Our sincere thanks go to Shezadi Shah and her friends for volunteering their efforts in raising awareness and funds.

Forthcoming Events

KORT 5k Family Fun Run - Sun 27 Sept 09.

At Victoria Park, Leicester, 2pm. This inaugural event will be started by Mo Farah, British and European 3000m champion. Please encourage the whole family to come along and participate together. Food, jewellery, Islamic calligraphy and clothes stalls will be available. Also, many fun activities for children. Entry £10/person or £25 for family of 3 or more.

SHAAM in Leicester - 27 Sept 09 (time/venue tbc)

Shaam is the finest Nasheed group in the UK, who present and re-interpret traditional Islamic songs known as Nasheeds. They sing spiritually uplifting songs that seek to praise Allah and his final Messenger. Tickets £20. To book your place for both of the above events please contact:

Ali Latif on 07931 223616, or email: info@kort.org.uk.

Newcastle Mela - 26/27 September 09

KORT has been allocated a stall at the annual Newcastle Mela. This follows the highly successful debut at last year's event that created considerable interest in the work of KORT.

Live TV and Radio Appeals - During Ramadhan

DM Digital, (Sky channel 802) on Sunday 30 August 09. This appeal will be hosted by the famous Pakistani singing star Rahim Shah.

Radio appeals will be held during the first two weeks of Ramadhan covering, Burton- on- Trent, Derby, Sheffield, Leeds, Leicester, Walsall and Bradford (dates TBC).

Other fund raising events, including Iftaar parties are also planned. For further information please check our website.



Charity Bazaar at the Highfields Centre, Leicester, 7th March 2009



Shezadi Shah representing KORT at The Charity Gala The Athena, Leicester, March 2009



Caring Bradford Dinner including KORT Chairman, patrons and invited guests from AJK



Milad Raza Qadri with children at the Burton-on-Trent event

Charity Dinner (Burton-on-Trent)

A charity dinner comprising of Nasheeds by Milad Raza Qadri, auction and delicious food was organized at Burton Town Hall, by Jinah/ International Badminton Club on Sunday 19th July. The event coordinated by Trustee Abdul Waheed and supported by club members, friends and the local community, raised over £11000. We would like to say a very big thank you to all the people of Burton for their extremely kind and generous donations and also for their continued support of KORT.



Mo Farah British and European 3km Champion

LOOK OUT FOR, Mohammed (Mo) Farah who will start the KORT 5k Fun Run on 27th September, compete for team GB in the forthcoming World Athletics Championships in Berlin, 15-23 August 2009

Achievements:

- European Champion (2009)
- British Champion (2008)
- 5000m 6th Place (2007)
- European XC Champion (2006)
- European 5000m Silver Medalist (2006)
- Great North Mile Winner (2006)
- Twice European U23 5000m Silver Medalist (2003 & 2005)

Schools Scholarship

Since relocating to Mirpur with his family, KORT Chairman Mohammed Akhtar has delivered presentations to pupils and staff covering most of the schools in Mirpur, to raise awareness of KORTs existing orphanage on Hall Road as well as the new Educational Complex at Jarrikas.

As a direct result of these presentations all our children have been awarded scholarships at the following schools. The chairman and the board of trustees would like to thank the Principals of these institutions for their kindness and cooperation.

1. AHSAN'S ACADEMY
2. CENTRAL MODEL HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE
3. CHINNAR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
4. THE EDUCATORS SCHOOL SYSTEM
5. FAUJI FOUNDATION MODEL PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
6. GHAZI ELAHI BAKHSH DEGREE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
7. THE GUIDANCE HOUSE SCHOOL & COLLEGE SYSTEM
8. MIRPUR SCIENCE COLLEGE FOR GIRLS
9. MIRPUR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
10. OVERSEAS GRAMMAR SCHOOL (2 BRANCHES)
11. PILOT HIGH SCHOOL NO.2
12. SAVANT COLLEGE OF SCIENCES & IT
13. ULTIMATE TECHNOLOGIES ACADEMIA

Day Trip to Fort Rohtas

A day trip was organised by Mohammed Akhtar and staff for the KORT children to the Historical Qila (Fort) Rohtas to explore and enhance their understanding of their culture, heritage and values. All the children and staff had a thoroughly enjoyable day.



KORT Girls and Boys at Qila Rohtas

Visit to KORT

In recent months, there have been a number of visitors to KORT from all over the UK, who were all able to see for themselves the nature and standard of care, facilities and schooling being provided for around 100 children. Here are a couple of personal testimonies:

Testimony 1

"In April this year, we visited the temporary building on Hall Road in which the children are being cared. We met with some of the children and the standard of their lives was good. As well as looking healthy and smart they were friendly and chatty. The children said fresh meals were cooked for them daily. There were computers for their studies and they had toys to play with. The organisers said other equipment needed was being purchased. The children looked so happy."

(Mr & Mrs Majid, Derby)

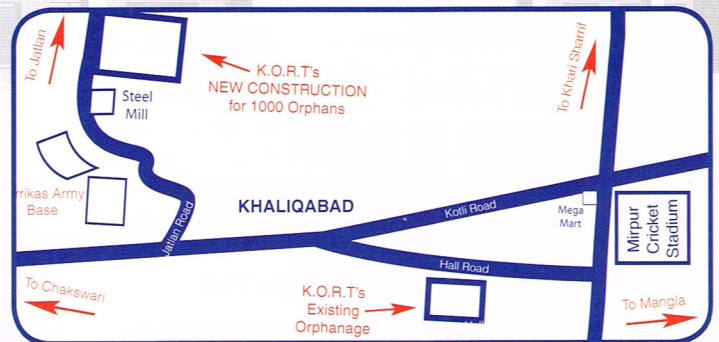
Testimony 2

"During my very recent visit to AJK, I had the pleasure of making an unannounced visit to KORT's existing premises at Saif Plaza, Hall Road, Mirpur and I was very impressed by the way the Trust is being run and organised. Mohammed Akhtar kindly showed me around and I met the children who all looked happy and content. The children are being provided with excellent living facilities in a nice clean environment. I was shown the children's exam result cards and most had achieved impressively high marks. One 3 year old boy remarkably achieved 100% marks! Keep up the good work Team KORT, my wholehearted support and duas are with you all in this endeavour inshAllah."

(Mr Zulfiqar Amin, Nottingham)

Orphanage Visits

If you would like to visit our existing orphanage, meet the children, staff or see the progress of the new educational, please contact our UK head office to pre arrange your visit. We recommend that you see and experience at first hand the nature, quality of education and care being provided to all our children.



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KORT Chairman and the Board of Trustees congratulate Nasar Farooq as the new Vice Chairman, and Ali Latif as the General Secretary, who were elected at the recent Annual General Meeting held in Leicester on 8th July 09



Nasar Farooq Vice Chairman



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