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Winners: KORT Children celebrating Sports Festival



KORT Children at Faisal Mosque in Islamabad

KORT NEWSLETTER

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NEW HOMES FOR PAKISTAN FLOOD VICTIMS

171 new homes have been built in Nowshera, Pakistan for families affected by the worst floods in living memory. Large swathes of land were rendered uninhabitable leaving millions of people homeless.

KORT responded to this devastation by teaming up with two other highly respected UK charities namely, Midland Doctor's Association (MDA) and Derby Khidmah Group (DKG). The aim was to mobilise all necessary resources to raise maximum funds within a very short timescale. Given the nature and magnitude of the disaster many lives were at risk as families with vulnerable children and elderly were living in temporary shelters. There were some families who had no roof over their heads and may not have survived the harsh weather conditions.

In light of this scenario, time was of the essence and housing a priority. Thus a joint live appeal on Radio Ramadhan, Derby raised over 100k. It was agreed to build houses for the most vulnerable families and KORT was entrusted to coordinate and manage the building programme. First and foremost, Mohammed Akhtar, KORT Chairman, personally set about identifying families

in Nowshera who had genuinely lost everything.

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Main: Honourable Sahbzada Haq Khateeb Hussain Ali with young person at ceremony
 Top Right: KORT Chairman with a flood affected widow outside her newly built house.
 Middle Right: KORT key handing over Ceremony.
 Bottom Right: Honourable Sahbzada Haq Khateeb Hussain Ali handing over keys to affected father

AJK PM OPENS KORT'S 2ND ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL

Following the success of the 1st KORT Annual Sports Festival in 2010, we have delivered an even bigger event this year.

Guest of Honour, Prime Minister of Azad Kashmir, Sardar Atique Ahmed Khan officially declared open KORT's 2nd annual schools sports festival held on Saturday 22nd January 2011 at Mirpur Cricket Stadium. In the presence of approximately 12000 spectators and competitors, the PM Sardar Atique Ahmed Khan in his keynote speech praised KORT, for its work with orphan children. He stated 'taking care of orphan children is a most noble cause and immensely rewarding as exemplified by our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) who was himself an orphan'.

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KORT's CHILDRENS DAY OUT

The children, staff and trustees of KORT, visited the Faisal Mosque in Islamabad recently. The day out was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Children learned about the significance of the historical mosque. The trip also included visit to the Zoo and Rawal Lake for a stint of boating.



KORT Children and Trustees at the Faisal Mosque

Construction Update

Work progressing on school block, 2nd floor structure is now complete. The work on the construction of the third floor has begun and hope to be completed in the next months.

The bricklaying of the shell on floors 1 and 2 will commence in the coming weeks.

The continuation of the construction work is wholly dependant upon your generous donations as we do not have any major donors. We are at a juncture where the orphan children are awaiting their new home, and we wish for the work to continue.

Fundraising Events in 2010

LIVE CHARITY DINNERS WITH RAHIM SHAH

2010 KORT Annual fundraising dinners were held at Burton-on-Trent, Derby, Birmingham, Bradford and Banbury with guest appearance and nasheed performance by KORT Ambassador Rahim Shah and attended by the GENEROUS communities, friends, trustees and their families from all over the UK.

The events took the format of Nasheeds, fundraising through donations sponsor of children and rooms, auctions, etc. Followed by dinner and nasheed's to finish off.

The events were the most successful fundraising events to date in each of the cities which surpassed the most optimistic expectations of the organisers.

We thank you for your generous donations of money, time and expertise.

KORT LADIES EID PARTY (Burton-On-Trent)

KORT Burton Ladies Eid party took place at the Uxbridge Pakistani Community Centre in December 2010, which had various stalls, food, clothes, books toys, etc and a bouncy castle to keep children entertained. The event raised over £1300 and the family day was enjoyed by all.

A similar family Charity Bazaar was held at St Phillips Centre, Evington, Leicester where we raised over £1000.

5K ANNUAL FAMILY FUN RUN

The fun run and family charity bazaar was held at Victoria Park Leicester on 26 September 2010. It was supported by Leicester Stars who have been proactive in helping us organise this event.

Our honorable guest Mo Farah, British and European 3k,5k & 10k champion officially started the race.

The event attended by children, adults and mums with babies in pushchairs from all walks of life and diverse communities. Hot food and beverages were available as well as stalls selling a range of wares, mehndi and crispy doughnuts. Children had their own play area set up with bouncy castles and games.

Well done to all those who managed twice round the park and those who struggled - **Remember to pace yourselves at the next event.**

RAMADHAN FESTIVAL

KORT participated in the Ramadhan Festival held at the Leicester Exhibition Centre during the last ten days of the holy month. The festival was well attended and created a lovely atmosphere leading up to Eid ul Fitr. We raised over £3500.

LIVE TV & RADIO APPEALS

Radio Appeals were held in Leicester, Burton-on-Trent and Derby and TV appeal on DM digital during Ramadhan.



KORT Educational Complex work started on Third floor

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The selection criteria for priority housing was orphans, widows, disabled and the elderly. Each 'family' in this category was interviewed to determine if they fitted the criteria and to ascertain whether they would require a single or two bedroom house. The responsibility also entailed negotiation and purchase of materials, securing appropriately skilled local labour and arranging transport etc.

Realising this project has been a momentous task not envisaged at the outset. However, KORT through Mohammad Akhtar admirably managed all aspects of the building programme. There were countless number of tiring trips to Nowshera, sometimes four in a week. Journeys frequently commenced 5.30 am from Mirpur and returned at midnight.

However, with help and efforts of all concerned KORT is proud to announce that the whole project was completed within three months (Nov 2010-Feb 2011). In total 171 new homes have been built in five different villages; Nowshera Kalaan, Ghari Momin, Camp Karoon, Camp Karoon Phase II and Zakhi Qabarstaan. Each house made of brick comes standard with metal doors, windows, concrete floor, completely plastered and mains electricity supply.

KORT is the only Charity working in Nowshera to have completed a housing project for the flood victims.

The 'handing over' ceremony held in Islamabad on 14 March was conducted by Mohammad Akhtar and attended by over 400 people including dignitaries and the media. The keys were handed over by the honourable Sahbzada Haq Khateeb Hussain Ali Badshah Sarkar of Bolawara Sharif, Kotli Sattian.

We are very grateful to the Honourable Sahbzada Haq Khateeb Hussain Ali for gracing us with his presence and conducting the handing over ceremony. We would also like to thank everyone who assisted in this venture including MDA, DKG, Pakistan media partners and especially the very generous people of Derby.



Nowshera key handing Ceremony Islamabad

Forthcoming Events

BURTON

- 17 July at Burton Town Hall - an afternoon of Nasheeds, charity auction and dinner
- Radio Ramadhan-live appeal

BIRMINGHAM

- A sponsored K2 golf event in July

NEWCASTLE

- Charity walk & Newcastle/ Middlesboro Mela's.

READING

- Family fun run and Charity Dinner in June.

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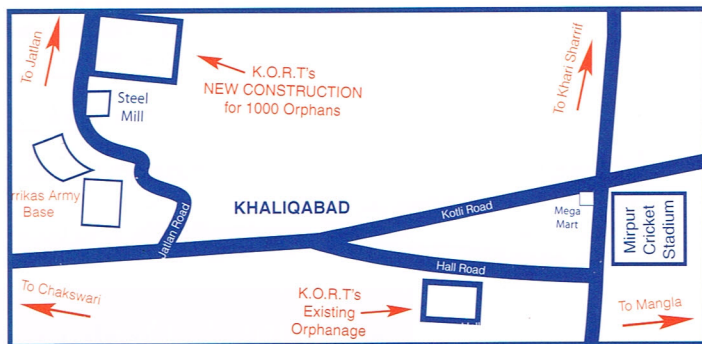
- Family Fun Run
- 10 days Ramadhan Festival at LEC
- 3 x ladies Bazaar
- Fundraising at Woltersklower (Croner)
- Islamic Awareness Week at Wyggeston Collegiate/ Gateway/De Montfort Uni
- Radio Ramadhan - Live Appeal.

Live TV Appeals - (TBC)

Orphanage Visits

We are happy to report that we have had a record number of visitors from UK from March 2009 to date, showing that the support for KORT and its children is increasing rapidly both locally and abroad.

If you would like to visit our existing orphanage in Mirpur, AJK, meet the children and staff, please contact our UK head office ([details on back page](#)) to pre arrange your visit. We recommend that you see and experience at first hand the nature, quality of the education and care being provided.



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He spoke eloquently of the need for the continuation of this valuable piece of work, and said that everyone involved in this venture including participating schools, competitors and spectators were very much appreciative. This initiative provided children with a competitive and healthy environment for developing teamwork and making friends. Furthermore the PM Sardar Atique Ahmed Khan talked about the importance of creating new opportunities within a supportive and caring environment to nurture the aspirations of each individual to realise their full potential.

Seven local schools and KORT took part in a range of field and track events. The children played in a friendly but competitive spirit. Prize money of one lakh rupees awaited the winning team. KORT children surpassed all expectations by performing consistently across the 22 athletic events. After a fantastic and offer nail biting finishes KORT secured an overall first position to claim the winning prize.

Participating Schools:

Ehsan's Academy, The City School, Roots School System, Ultimate Academia, Central Model School, Fauji Foundation, Kashmir Cambridge and KORT.

We wish to thank the PM Sardar Atique Ahmed Khan for giving up his most valuable time to officially open our 2nd Annual Sports Festival and also gratefully acknowledge his unwavering and continued support.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers, supporters and those too numerous to mention individually who helped make this event a most memorable and thrilling experience for everyone.



KORT children collect their overall team winners trophy



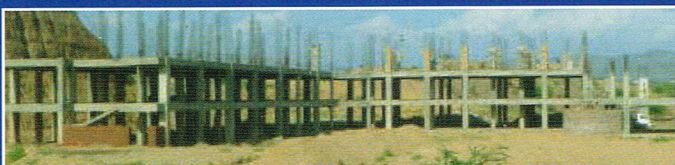
SPONSOR A CHILD/ROOM APPEAL

Please remember that its not the choice of a child to become an orphan, but you do have a choice to make a difference in his/her life

Many of our supporters will know that KORT is in the process of building an educational complex to house approximately 1000 children (separate accommodation for girls and boys). You have the opportunity to join many brothers and sisters who have sponsored a classroom already as Eesal e Sawab for their loved ones. The name of the intended individual will appear on a plaque outside the classroom for life (see back page for more details).

Either individually or collectively you can sponsor one of our orphan children for as little as just over £1 a day, this would help towards his/her education, food, clothing and welfare, etc.

You will receive a photograph of the child as well as regular correspondence/update progress from the child. You can, if you wish visit the orphanage to meet the child you sponsor by prior arrangement (see back page for more details).



Progress of KORT's New Education Complex



Boys and Girls of KORT - Please help us to make their dreams come true.

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SPONSOR A CHILD

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- Zakaat, Sadqah, Lillah, etc

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