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Winner of 2012 Badminton: Sundas of KORT with Sabzada Haq Khatteb Hussain Ali Badshah Sarkar



Winner of 2012 Table-Tennis: Sanah of KORT with Prime Minister of Azad Jammu Kashmir, Ch Abdul Majeed

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NEW PM DECLARE'S OPEN 3RD KORT ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL

Our 3rd KORT Annual Sports Festival was held at the Quad e Azam Stadium, Mirpur on 18 February 2012.

The event was inaugurated by the new Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Honourable Ch. Abdul Majeed. Honourable guests included, Sabzada Haq Khatteb Hussain Ali Badshah Sarkar & Chief Secretary AJK Mohammed Shezad Arbab.

KORT and nine local schools, Beacon House, Chinnar Public, Ehsan's Academy, Farhan Model, Fauji Foundation, Kashmir Public, OPF, Roots School and The City School participated in this year's finals in front of 12000 cheering spectators.

The overall competition was launched in December 2011 with various team sports that included cricket, badminton, table tennis and football. The festival was a culmination of all of these sports. KORT won the badminton and table tennis finals, Roots won the football and Farhan Model school won the cricket final.

KORT children out performed competitors from other participating schools in most of the categories they participated in. They were awarded The Annual Sports Festival 2012 team winners trophy.

Our children, ably guided by Ismael, a volunteer from the UK, were encouraged to train extremely hard. They practised tirelessly almost daily and fully deserved to retain this title won last year for the first time.

KORT's mission and objective to achieve 'Unity & Equality' through sport has been successfully achieved and fully appreciated by every child and school that participated in all of the sporting events.

We wish to thank all the schools, participants, volunteers, local administration, spectators and the whole of the KORT team for making this event an overwhelming success.

BREAKING NEWS

In January 2012 a new born child was left abandoned at the doors of KORT. Barely a few hours old the child was taken in and named Moiz Ali by the Chairman of KORT. Moiz is doing well and making good progress.... more to follow on Moiz in the next newsletter!

SADAF'S STORY £1 MILLION POUND MILESTONE REACHED



It has been six years since our first group of children orphaned in the October 2005 earthquake arrived at KORT in Mirpur, AK. This group was part of an overall intake of around 100 children, aged 3-12 years. From the outset KORT'S aim was to create a family environment for all children to grow up in and to cater for the specific needs of every child by providing 24/7 care, emotional support, accommodation, meals, schooling, leisure, sports, social and other activities.

Every child/young person has their own unique story which only they can tell. We profile the heart rendering story of one of these children, Sadaf, now a young adult. Sadaf describes her experiences of the terrible tragedy of the earthquake, how it impacted on her life, her time at KORT and her aspirations for the future.

"I vividly remember the day of the earthquake, I was 14 years old and at school in the 8th grade.

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We are delighted to report that in December 2011 and almost six years to the day our first group of orphan children arrived at KORT a landmark £1million has been raised. This incredible achievement has only been made possible because of your unstinting support and generous donations and is particularly rewarding given that we were only formed in 2005. However, KORT has established a reputation as a genuine, committed and transparent organisation sincere in giving our children all the best opportunities.

The money raised has been used wisely, effectively and exclusively to improve the lives of all our orphan children. This has included the full running costs of the existing orphanage as well as construction of a new education centre at the nearby Jarrikas site. The new complex incorporates a school, residential accommodation, sports facilities, a masjid and basic health unit.

Construction Update

The construction of the main school building has been progressing steadily and we are now in the final phase of finishing off brickwork to complete the classrooms.

As the pictures show the site of the land generously donated by the Kashmir Government has been completely transformed and the dream to build a home for orphan children has almost come true for everyone involved in this very ambitious project.

Fundraising Events in 2011

Burton-on-Trent

The people of Burton have once again been exemplary in supporting KORT to raise much needed funds. The 6th Annual Charity Dinner was hosted at Burton Town Hall on 17 July.

The usual fundraising activities were organised including auctions, child/room sponsorships, donations and an evening meal etc. In total over £30k was raised which mashallah is a fantastic effort in light of the current economic situation.

Violet Way Academy Headteacher kindly allowed KORT supporters Mrs Mahmmod and friends to sell food at the school functions in June and December. Both events raised in excess of £375. KORT would like to thank the Academy Head and all involved in this effort.

The 3rd Burton Sisters Eid Milan party took place Uxbridge Street Community Centre in November. Various stalls, food, clothes, books, toys, etc had been organised including a bouncy castle for children's entertainment. The event was well attended and raised over £900. The sisters family day was enjoyed by all and the success of this event was down to the organiser sister Farzana Bi & team. KORT's special thanks go to sister Farzana and team.

Leicester

KORT held a live appeal on FMO Radio Ramadan, Leicester on Sunday 7 August 2011 to raise funds for its educational complex. The appeal lasted almost 11 hours and involved telephone pledges, door to door collections and donations dropped off at various collection points.

This was KORT's first such appeal in Leicester and it proved hugely successful. We raised in excess of £35,000 as well as invaluable awareness of KORT within Leicester's community. This appeal has put KORT on the map as one of the recognised Leicester based charities and the support from all involved was overwhelming.

We would like to thank the FMO management, the invited speakers (including local scholars), Leicester Khidmah Organisation, the local businesses who acted as donation drop off points, and all the volunteers, who gave up their valuable time come rain or shine, and most of all, the children and brothers and sisters of Leicester, for their generous donations and the words of encouragement.

KORT participated in a number of fundraising initiatives including the Ramadan Shopping Festival, the Ramadan Souk held at the O2 Arena, Leicester University and the Coliseum, Melton Road. We raised over £2,500 and extend our thank to the organisers, donors and our volunteers-young and old, for their unstinting support.

Banbury

We would like thank the Banbury community for their continuous support of KORT especially the Banbury Mosque committee. Also the Manager of Sainsbury's for his support in allowing our local team to do a collection at the store.



Full image of KORTs NEW Educational Complex



Phase 1: School Building nearing completion



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QURBANI PROJECT (2011).

After the success of last years qurbani appeal, KORT in partnership with Derby Khidmah Group again launched a qurbani appeal that raised enough money to buy 20 cows. These were purchased in Kharian and transported to the city of Nowshera chosen because of the number of much needy people living there.

In total 1200 families received 2.5 kilos of meat. The whole project was personally overseen by KORT chairman Mohammed Akhtar along with 14 volunteers. The project is available on DVD with the name of each donor clearly being called out on each sacrifice.



Team KORT at the 2012 Finals



Winners of 2012 KORT with Chief Secretary AJK Mohammed Shezad Arbab

VOLUNTEER

KORT would like to thank Ismael Ahmed of Leicester UK, for spending 4 months of his valuable time as a volunteer sports coach at KORT, Mirpur. Ismael's contribution is highly appreciated and commendable.

SADAF'S STORY continued from page 1

I was in an English class listening to a lecture. Suddenly a loud noise of the kind I had never heard before erupted, the earth began to shake, the chairs started to move, the school walls were collapsing around us as if they were made of cardboard. Some of my friends who were sitting close to these walls didn't stand a chance. Other children were buried alive under the rubble of falling bricks and debris. I and others around me were crying, screaming and running in all directions to escape this unimaginable nightmare. It was terribly frightening, no one knew what was happening.

The quake stopped after what seemed like an eternity, panic stricken parents came running to the school in search of their children. But it was already too late for some. Their children lay on the ground motionless, they had already lost their lives.

The school and surrounding area was struck with such ferocity it was an unrecognisable mess. No one knew what had happened, what to do. It was so quick yet so devastating. There was real confusion. I came to know it was an earthquake when I returned home and saw what was left of our house—a heap of bricks. Two of my cousins died at the scene. We were helpless, no one could help us. It was a desperate situation for a few days after. The survivors had no water to drink, food to eat or roof over their heads.

I stopped going to school, I had no choice, no means of education but I did continue to read my text books.

We heard about a charity that was helping orphan children from our area. Me, my sister and brother were selected and taken first to Islamabad then transferred to KORT in Mirpur. My first few months were very difficult, it was a new environment and the shock of what had happened still haunted us. I desperately missed my mother and baby sister, my friends and my home.

The staff at KORT made me feel very welcome, it was like a home where we had all the facilities we needed. It is thanks to them and their hard work that I am where I am today. I thank Allah every day for this home at KORT and for the chance to continue with my studies. I have received a level of education that I may never have had.

I hope to complete my Masters, then PHD. It was my father's dream for me to become a professor. I hope one day to fulfil his dream. I want to make my family proud of me, and I want to make KORT proud of my achievements. I passed the 8th grade

with the highest marks in my class and passed metric with first class honours.

I am currently in my final year of an economics degree at Mirpur University.

My mother still lives in Muzaffarabad with my youngest sister. My father passed away in 2002 aged 45 years.

We will continue with further stories of KORT children in the forthcoming edition of the Newsletter.

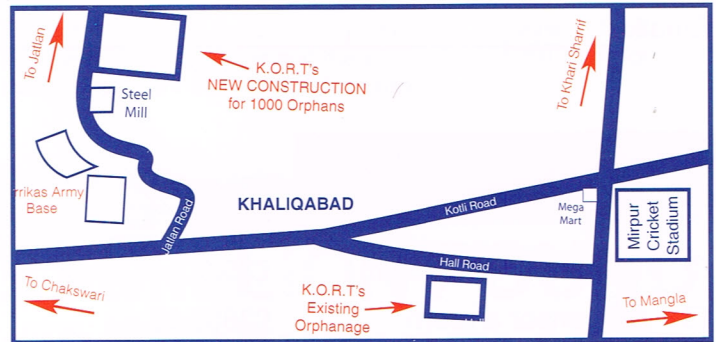
Mosque Construction

The foundation stone has been laid for the construction of the Masjid and building work is now underway. We will report on the progress in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Orphanage Visits

We have continued to provide for the needs of all children in our care and they are making huge progress in all aspects of their lives, showing that the support for KORT and its children is increasing rapidly both locally and abroad.

If you would like to visit our orphanage in Mirpur, AJK and meet children/staff, please contact our UK Head Office to pre arrange your visit. You can find further details on the back page. We recommend that you see and experience at first hand the nature, quality of the education and care provided.



SPONSOR A CHILD/ROOM APPEAL

Please remember that it's 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 accommodate approximately 1000 children

(Separate accommodation for girls and boys)

You have the opportunity to join the brothers and sisters who have already sponsored a classroom as Eesal e Sawab for their loved ones. The name of the intended individual will permanently appear on a plaque outside the classroom (Further details on back page)



Progress of KORT's New Education Complex
Picture Taken March 2012



You can sponsor individually or collectively one of our orphan children for as little as **£1 per day**.

This would help towards his/her education, food, clothing and welfare, etc. You will receive a photograph of the child, regular updates & correspondence.

You can, if you wish visit the orphanage to meet the child you sponsor by prior arrangement (Further details on back page)

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For more information about KORT or the project please do not hesitate to contact any of our Trustees

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

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- Donation for Multi-Purpose Hall
- Zakaat, Sadqah, Lillah, etc

Gift Aid Declaration

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I am a UK Tax Payer and I wish K.O.R.T to treat all donations I have made for six years prior to this year, (but no earlier than 6/4/2006) and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

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