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Children Presenting at KORT 7th Anniversary Event in Mirpur AJK and Naseed Performance

**KORT NEWSLETTER**

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# KORT COMMEMORATE 7TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EARTHQUAKE

KORT held two high profile events in Birmingham UK and Mirpur AJK to commemorate the 7th anniversary of the South Asia earthquake. The main aim was (i) to remember all those who lost their lives and (ii) to celebrate the achievements of the survivors in particular the orphan children. The disaster will forever be etched in people's memories as the day when a whole generation was wiped out (UN Report). Over 100,000 lives were lost, tens of thousands of children orphaned and millions of people displaced.

The event in Mirpur on 11th December 2012 comprised of a full and varied programme of activities that KORT children helped organise. The evening included a drama production performed by our children highlighting their lives before, during and after the earthquake.

Children of various ages performed before the chief guests, Sahibzada Haq Khatteb Hussain Ali Badshah Sarkar of Bolawara Sharif, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, former PM of AJK who donated

the land at Jarrikas, Mirpur for the educational complex, Naseer Bhutta, MNA PMLN Lahore, Rana Javed Qadri, Lahore, Shahzad Memon, CEO Karachi Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Asif Sathi Islamabad, Ms Surya Naseem, Faisalabad and Ch Tayyab, Dep. Commissioner, Bhimber. There were also over 500 invited guests who were mesmerised by children's performances and visibly moved by their heart rendering and harrowing personal accounts of their experiences of the earthquake, how they ended up at KORT and their subsequent achievements. The children spoke eloquently and fluently demonstrating their skills, ability and confidence.

KORT also hosted a unique public awareness/fundraising event at the Krystal Plaza, Birmingham on 17th October 2012. Over 400 invited guests attended the dinner event and a remarkable £110,000 was raised on the night consisting of both cash and pledges. We wish to thank all the business community of Birmingham, our regular donors and supporters who helped achieve this amazing target.

**UPDATE** Moiz Ali, the child abandoned in January 2012 outside KORT premises in Hall Road, Mirpur when barely a couple of hours old is now aged 15 months. Moiz has been looked after and well cared for by the KORT staff team. He has been making fantastic progress and is proving to be everyone's favourite. Find out more about Moiz in our Ramadhan edition of KORT newsletter!

## NEW HOME FOR GIRLS

For some considerable time we have been aware of the need to provide separate accommodation for girls. Presently the boys and girls are housed on separate floors in the same building. However, given that some of these children have become or are in the process of becoming adolescents it is incumbent upon us to provide segregated accommodation sooner rather than later. In this regard we have been fortuitous to secure a new plaza adjacent to our existing KORT building on Hall Road, Mirpur. This new home for girls was inaugurated on 11th December 2012 and we are proud to report that all of the girls have been relocated into this building and are very happy.

An additional benefit of this new provision is that we now have the capacity to accommodate 150 more children. We wish to thank Mobilink for their generous donation of a brand new IT lab for this new home for girls. (cont. pg3).



New home for the girls next to the existing KORT building

## EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX JARRIKAS - UPDATE

We are happy to report that with your generous donations the construction of the educational complex is progressing swiftly. The school building structure (phase one) has been completed with over 40% of the plastering accomplished. The work on partitioning the classrooms is currently underway. Also, the mosque construction has been completed and approximately 80% of the roof laid, the remainder is scheduled to be completed shortly.



Latest Pic of the New Educational Complex taken 4/4/2013



## Activities Update

The artist impression below shows the educational complex at the site of the land generously donated by the Kashmir Government that has been completely transformed. The dream to build a home for orphan children has almost come true for everyone involved in this very ambitious and greatly needed project.



artist impression of new KORT Educational Complex

## KORT RADIOTHON APPEAL (17/18 December)

Two of the main radio stations in AJK-FM93 Mirpur and Rose FM90 Mirpur joined hands with KORT to deliver the biggest ever radio appeal undertaken in AJK. A temporary studio was set up at our Mirpur head office for two days on 17th and 18th December 2012. We provided a facility from which one transmission went to both radio stations. The main thrust of the appeal was to secure donations from listeners and the general public of at least one brick valued at 100 rupees each to help complete the new orphan village at Jarrikas and also to create awareness of KORT. Over 200 volunteers helped set up donation collection points in most of the cities in AJK. Donations were also accepted at over 50 branches of the Bank of AJK.

This joint appeal proved a huge success and we wish to thank Mr Shakil Sb, Station Director of radio FM93 Mirpur, Mr Zafar Butt, CEO of Rose FM90 Mirpur and their whole team of RJ's, technical and backup staff for making this whole event possible. We wish to extend our thanks to all the volunteers for their help and assistance and Mr Fazal Ur Rehman MD, AJK Bank for supporting this project. The success of the event also due to the generosity of the listeners and the public.

The two radio stations have agreed to continue to conduct these joint appeals every 3 three months until further notice. We are sincerely indebted for this commendable gesture which is gratefully appreciated.

### Event sponsors are:



KORT Radiothon Volunteers AJK

## New KORT Offices

In December KORT expanded its work by opening two new offices, in Islamabad and Karachi. These were inaugurated by the KORT Chairman.

This expansion of KORT will enable us to generate additional funds from these regions and will further raise awareness.



KORT boys singing Qawalis at 7th anniversary event

## KORT Fundraising Events

### Burton

The 7th Annual fundraising dinner was hosted in Burton by Trustee Abdul Waheed on Sunday 1st July 2012 at Burton Town Hall and as is now customary the people of Burton filled the venue.

The usual fundraising activities included stalls, auctions, room and child sponsorships, donations, etc. Approximately £25k was pledged on the day which Mashallah again is a fantastic amount given the current economic climate. The event that included a sumptuous meal was concluded by nasheed's by artist Ahmad Hussain of Sheffield.

Burton people never cease to amaze us with their generosity and KORT's gratitude and thanks go to ALL – event sponsors, organisers, donors and friends, may Allah accept all your contributions.

### Birmingham

KORT 2nd fundraising dinner in Birmingham was hosted by Trustee Parvez Akhtar on th 18th October 2012 at Crystal Plaza. The event was well attended and supported by people from all over Birmingham and even had attendees from around the UK.

The fundraising activities included an auction, room and child sponsorships, donations, etc. Approximately £125k was pledged on the day which Mashallah again demonstrates the generosity of our community who are willing to give to this deserving project despite economic hardship. The event concluded with Qualis.

### Keighley

KORT's inaugural event was hosted by Haji Mohammed Shabir on 17th July 2012 at Victoria Hall to create awareness of the work KORT has been doing over the last 7 years both in the UK and Mirpur AJK and share the progress to date. Mohammed Akhtar gave a presentation on the key facets of KORT including 24/7 care of children (including Moez Ali who was left at KORT's doorstep when only a few hours old), children's schooling at the best private institutions in Mirpur, absolute minimal administration cost and ZERO trustee cost when visiting children in Pakistan.

The information was well received and resulted in donations of several thousand pounds and endorsements of future support were pledged by dignitary speakers and people in attendance. furthermore the commitments made on this day led to the organisation of an inaugural event in Leeds mentioned below. Naats by Milad Raza Qadri and food were enjoyed by all.

### Banbury

KORT charity and awareness dinner in Banbury was hosted by Trustee Ashiq Hussain on 13th October 2012 at Spiceball to create awareness of the work KORT team has been doing since its inception. Mohammed Akhtar delivered a presentation detailing KORT's achievements. Several thousand pounds was raised and a lot of goodwill generated which bodes well for the future fundraising efforts in Banbury. Naats by Milad Raza Qadri were enjoyed by all. The event was concluded with the serving of delicious food.

### Reading

KORT charity and awareness dinner was Reading, hosted by Trustee Mubashir Afzal on 14th October 2012 at South Reading Youth & Community Centre to create awareness of the work KORT team had been doing over the last 7 years and a similar presentation as above was given by Mohammed Akhtar. Several thousand pounds were raised and at the same time a lot of goodwill generated. This

is most appreciated and thanks to all donors and volunteers and artist Milad Raza Qadri whose nasheeds were enjoyed by all. Food was served at the conclusion of the event.

### Derby

KORT held its third annual event in Derby, organised jointly with Derby Khidmah Group on the 24th November 2012. Over 300 people packed the venue which was gratefully sponsored by local businesses.

A short presentations delivered by chairman Mohammad Akhtar highlighted the progress made on the various projects being undertaken by KORT. These included construction of the educational complex, children's achievements and future goals. A hearty meal was aptly followed by melodious Nasheeds by the renowned Milad Raza Qadri and other budding local artists.

### Leeds

This inaugural event was hosted by Councillor Iqbal, Abid of Abu Bakr Stores, Haji Mohammed Shabir & family and Radio Fever fm, on 25th November 2012 at Bilal Centre to create awareness of the work KORT team had been doing for the last 7 years in Mirpur and Jarrikas, and share the progress made to date. Mohammed Akhtar gave a presentation on the key facets of KORT including 24/7 care of children, children schooling and achievements and construction of the new educational complex and mosque.

The information was well received and resulted in donations of several thousand pounds and endorsements of future support were pledged by dignitary speakers and people in attendance. Naats by Milad Raza Qadri and hot food were enjoyed by all.

**KORT would like to thank all those who attended the above events, including sponsors, organisers, donors, volunteers and friends for their efforts and sacrifice and made all of the fundraising events a huge success. May Allah accept all your contributions.** (Aameen)



Birmingham Event with local support

### New Home for Girls Continued Pg1.

Our existing KORT building on Hall Road has been a home for our boys and girls since its launch in 2006. For over a couple of years the Trustees had identified a need to segregate the girls from the boys given that many of them had or were in the process of reaching the age of adolescence. Our aim was to provide a separate accommodation for the girls by the end of 2013. Furthermore, there was the continued daily demand to take on more children. With the help of Allah swt we managed to acquire the newly constructed adjoining plaza and in early December 2012. The owner generously offered KORT the first refusal to rent the building.

As a result of this KORT has taken over the building and on 21st December 2012 our girls were relocated into their new home. This facility has more than doubled the total capacity to circa 225 children and as we go to print we can report that new children have already started arriving!

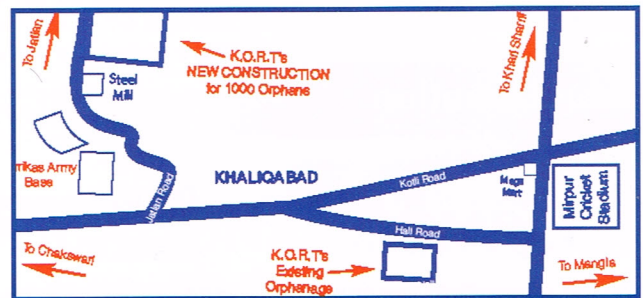
We have been extremely fortunate to have secured the new building and sincerely hope you will continue to support us financially to provide the 24/7 care of all our children.

KORT's extends especial thanks go to the owners of both buildings as no words can truly reflect the significance of their contribution. we can only pray that Allah swt bestows His own abundant reward in this world and the Hereafter - ameen

## Orphanage Visits

We encourage and welcome visits to KORT. Please come and meet our children, witness at first hand the work we are doing and the difference we have made to their lives. We continue to provide for the needs of all children in our care and they are making huge progress in all aspects of their lives.

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



# 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 a new educational complex to accommodate approximately 1500 children

(Separate accommodation for girls and boys)

You have the opportunity to join 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 April 2013



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)

SPONSOR A ROOM

SPONSOR A CHILD

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Your Donation

- 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
- 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.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Details



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I wish to donate by Visa / Mastercard / Switch / Cheque / Postal Order

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## Monthly Donation

Your Bank Details - To The Bank Manager

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Address of Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Debit my account each month starting from: \_\_\_\_\_

£35.00  Other £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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