

## ANNUAL REPORT OF BEHBUD ASSOCIATION USA, INC. 2012

In 2012 our main focus was to raise funds to build our Education, Vocational Training and Health programs at Behbud Association, Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Thanks to our many donors and our fundraising efforts, we raised approximately \$55,000 this year. Behbud continues to work towards empowering and sustaining the livelihoods of women, children and their communities, and addresses the needs of the people of Pakistan during natural disasters and emergencies.

Our entire volunteer team at Behbud Association USA (Behbud USA) worked hard towards organizing our Third Annual Fundraiser in September, 2012, proceeds from which benefit our projects.

### **Fundraiser Details:**

Behbud USA had its Third Annual Fundraiser in September, 2012. Ms. Beo Raana Zafar, Pakistan's premier comedienne gave us 3 well attended shows. The 3 shows were held at the homes of Behbud supporters, Ambassador Haroon, Dr. Amtul Hussein, and Dr. Saleem Mir. We are most thankful to all our gracious hosts, who by offering their homes helped us save on venue costs. Our grateful thanks go to those who donated items for the Silent Auction, which was a big success, as was Behbud's Craft Table. Our thanks to Laaj Studios for covering the event at the Ambassador's home. Most of all, heartfelt thanks to all our team of dedicated volunteers, whose hard work and long hours made this third fundraiser a roaring success!

#### **1. Education**

Through your donations this year, we have provided education to more than 900 students aged 5 to 15 in our schools in the Rawalpindi/Islamabad area. Following is a report on the schools Behbud supports.

##### **Behbud Model High School, Rawalpindi:**

The Behbud USA supplements funds to a large extent for this school, totaling approximately \$7000 plus annually. It also provides for any unforeseen needs of the student body and faculty, which could range anywhere between \$3000-5000 annually.

- The school facilities have been enhanced, and enrollment has increased 25%
- Teacher refresher courses continue to be given on a regular basis to enhance their teaching capabilities.
- An "Adopt a Child" program has been initiated with the Behbud Rawalpindi membership, The opportunity is also available to our donors in the USA. The expense of 1 student from Nursery to Class 10 is only \$120 annually.
- Parent-Teacher meetings are encouraged and our Education Committee helps in facilitating these exchanges.
- Teachers were given a substantial raise in their salaries according to the orders of the Chief Justice of Pakistan, in order to bring the teachers up to the required wages stated by Pakistani Law.

### Behbud Home Schools:

The 5 schools that Behbud supports are located in the urban slums of Rawalpindi. With the extremely high level of inflation, the annual running cost of **each** school is now approximately \$3600 and it is expected to increase in the next year and the following years. This sum includes teacher salaries, rents, utilities, cost of all books and required educational materials. Maintenance and repair work require additional funds.

- The enrollment in these schools is now approximately 500 and there is a demand from the parents in other neighboring communities to open more schools for their children. Both girls and boys are enrolled in these schools up to the primary level.
- Text books/notebooks/stationary/art material/ and other school related items are provided to all the students throughout the year.
- Uniforms have been provided to all the students in the 5 schools. A Behbud member donated uniforms for 3 schools. Behbud USA covered the other 2 schools.
- Refresher courses were conducted with the help of our professional volunteers.
- The Education Committee has hired teachers of higher qualifications than before, which means higher salaries. The very high inflation also has made it necessary for us to raise the teacher salaries. The positive side of it is that the children would benefit greatly from these better qualified teachers and therefore will be better equipped to go on to Secondary and High School studies.
- Clean drinking water is provided for the children on a daily basis.
- New blackboards/desks, chairs/and floor mats were provided for some schools.
- Floor matting, desks/tables and chairs are needed for the remaining schools.

### Behbud Saidpur Village School:

- Behbud USA contributed \$1000 to the Saidpur Primary School which has a student body of 450 children for educational material.

## **2. Women's Vocational Training Center**

Through your donations we have provided funds for the running of a new Women's Vocational Center in the Sihala District, which trains more than 200 women. who in turn will learn a trade for life, giving them the means to generate income for themselves and their families, as well as longer term economic stability. We continue to maintain this vocational center on an annual basis with our funds. The cost for the annual maintenance and teacher salaries is currently \$2000 which Behbud USA supports. This year Behbud USA donated \$4000 for annual maintenance and other much needed additional items for the Vocational Center.

### **3. Health Care Project**

Behbud USA donated \$4000 to the Health Care Project of Behbud Rawalpindi. These funds will be utilized for the treatment of various diseases, e.g. diabetes, hepatitis C, tuberculosis, HIV and general medicines. Health care is an important and vital project of Behbud and we hope to continue to support it with more funds in the coming years.

### **4. Café Behbud**

Café Behbud is located in Islamabad and caters to the local community. It also organizes events and meetings, and rents its premises for exhibitions and seminars as well. The profits from the proceeds fund our various projects. Behbud USA donated \$4000 this year for its enhancement which is expected to yield better financial results.

### **MISSION & OBJECTIVE:**

The aim of Behbud USA is to support existing social welfare projects of Behbud Pakistan, including model and home schools for children in urban slums and skills training projects to benefit women seeking income generation opportunities. Behbud USA focuses on projects in and around Rawalpindi & Islamabad, Pakistan. In coming years, Behbud USA hopes to expand its support for social welfare projects by establishing more educational facilities for children in urban slums, and expanding its role in supporting health care projects that Behbud Pakistan currently operates.

We hope to continue and progress in the years to come in this noble venture with the help of our generous donors. We need and count on your continued support for the economic uplift of the less fortunate and hope to be able to make a difference for the better in the lives we touch.

### **BEHBUD WEBSITE:**

Please visit the Behbud website for more in depth information on its projects. Donation forms are also posted on it, or you can make your contribution through PayPal. The website address is: [www.behbud.org](http://www.behbud.org)

The Behbud USA Committee sends their heartfelt thanks to all its generous donors. We wish you and your families the very best of Health, Happiness and peace in the world in 2013 and in the years to follow.

Sincerely,

Behbud Association, USA – Inc.

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