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Editorial



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(Late) Agha Hasan Abedi had a dream to initiate a state-of-the-art project, which is equipped with all modern facilities; yet is very close to the doorsteps of the beneficiaries. He had the vision that the project would provide children of the deprived and underprivileged communities of the area with the same education and healthcare facilities, which are available in the elite institutions of Pakistan. Alhamdulillah, the dream of Abedi Sb. is being realized in the form of Centre for Development of Social Services (CDSS), where all these things are practically taking roots and changing lives of the communities. The first passed out batch of KA is perusing higher studies in reputed professional colleges of Pakistan and In Sha Allah our second batch will also be graduating in flying colleges. The INFAQ Education & Training Centre (IETC) is also playing a vital role to change the lives of female community members through teachers' training, formal education, home schools and other community based projects. We hope that soon our efforts will bear fruit and transform lives of these communities in a perceptible manner.

Allah has provided human beings certain faculties; it's through education that he/she develops and perfects those faculties. Education equips an individual with tools necessary for success in practical life. In this regard, it is heartening that our students are carrying out their educational pursuits in a serious manner. They are aware of this fact that it is imperative to get adequately equipped to survive and excel in today's fast evolving IT era. I am hopeful that this second issue of our newsletter "Empowerment" will provide a good insight into our ongoing activities.

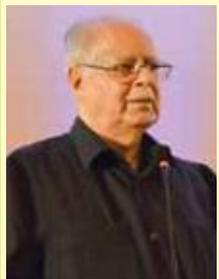
May Allah help us all in our endeavors (Ameen)

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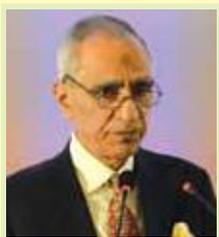
Centre for Development of Social Services (CDSS) is indebted to its generous donors / philanthropists for their support and cooperation in making the vision of (Late) Agha Hasan Abedi a reality. We need their constant financial support for the operations and expansion of the project, which is playing a vital role to empower the underprivileged communities. Donors are requested to fill the pledge card attached with this newsletter.



Message of Swaleh Naqvi, Co-Chairman INFAQ Foundation

Among the numerous and vast network of public, social and humanitarian services rendered by INFAQ Foundation during the last 32 years, the most visible and remarkable are its Korangi (Karachi) projects managed under the umbrella of Centre for Development of Social Services (CDSS). This I say because you can see the development and progress in tangible terms and recognize the accomplishments of its beneficiaries – children / students in its schools, women empowerment activity for the community girls, primary healthcare for indigent families – all more or less free of cost for almost 1,300 beneficiaries at a time (not including the hundreds who benefited and made new beginnings in life).

INFAQ Foundation and CDSS not only ensure the sustainability of these successful programmes, but also simultaneously engage in consolidation and maintaining high quality standards, which of course increases the cost of operations. The cause is such that it invites and provides you an opportunity to participate and become partners in the development of thousands of under-privileged and most deserving families. Please pay a visit to INFAQ / CDSS projects and see for yourself what can be done by our joint efforts.



Message by Rear Admiral (Retd.) Syed A. Baqar, *HI (M)* *Chief Operating Officer CDSS*

Korangi Academy is the flagship project of CDSS, and its performance depends upon the quality of education we provide. The mainstay of the Academy, apart from students, is our teachers. I strongly believe that teachers' dedication, experience, professional expertise, and their commitment to educate children of underprivileged communities are the keys to promising, progressive and bright future of Korangi Academy and its stakeholders. It is the teachers who are the impetus and powerful source to engine the desired change in our future leaders. I always insist on teachers' development and their well-being, and shall continue to support their professional growth.



Message of Farhat Yasmin Rasul, Principal Korangi Academy

Early years of the child are the years of shaping and molding, whereas middle years are the time for growth challenge and discovery. At KA, we encourage and prepare students to participate fully, to take risks, to be self advocates, and be responsible citizens. Our goal at KA is to provide an enriching curriculum that converges towards the national curriculum. We believe that students, parents and teachers play a vital role in achieving goals of the institution, and helping students reach their greatest potential. Parents are encouraged to check their child's progress through regular meetings with teachers. At KA, we recognize that social/emotional development is as essential as academic growth during these transition years. Students are thus encouraged to participate in sports, dramatics and many other activities for skills development. They participate in team-building and social activities. All these enhance the confidence level of students and help in their personal grooming. Academic excellence is the main objective of the foundation for which a dedicated staff undergoes constant and rigorous training. We look forward to a very close relationship between community and the foundation.



Message of **Saira Zaidi,**

Head of Teachers' Training & Elementary College CDSS

Empowerment is based on the idea that giving people skills, resources, authority, opportunity, motivation, as well holding them responsible and accountable for outcomes of their actions, will contribute to their competence and satisfaction. Empowering people helps improve their self esteem and reduces poverty levels.

Many compassionate people strive to empower others, but they do this at an individual level thus causing less impact. For sustainable improvement in the lives of impoverished communities and for poverty reduction, it is important that public and private enterprises work together on large scale projects with the aim to spread education, develop industries and create jobs.

Dignitaries visit of CDSS

Mr. S.M. Muneer, Chairman Din Group & CEO TDAP, renowned businessman Mian Zahid Husain and Dr. Alan DeYoung, Senior Sociologist and Director of AKU-IED recently visited Centre for Development of Social Services (CDSS).



KA Annual Prize Distribution

Awards were distributed by Chief Guest Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Dean & Director IBA at the KA Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony.



Sultan Mowjee Plaque Inauguration

Late Sultan Mowjee was a leading industrialist well-known for his philanthropic work. He was very conscious of economic difficulties of the needy and deprived people of our society. He donated Rs. 5.5 million for construction of a modern and well-equipped complex at CDSS with all the basic facilities to provide a place for the poor and elderly to live. He also contributed towards the education of the youth through financial assistance in the form of scholarships.

In order to acknowledge his philanthropic contributions, Sultan Mowjee plaque was inaugurated on Friday, May 30, 2014 at the Korangi Academy, CDSS. The Mowjee family, including Mrs. Yasmin Mowjee (wife), Mr. Irshad Mowjee (son) and Ms. Farhana Mowjee (daughter) attended the event. Mr. Irshad Mowjee also spoke on the occasion. A memento was presented to Mrs. Yasmin Mowjee by Haji Nazim, Vice President CDSS / KA.



HASSAN TRUST



School Meals Programme

Korangi Academy has joined hands with Hassan Trust to provide healthy and delicious meals totally free of cost to all students. The meals are planned by a nutritionist and prepared according to international food safety standards. Lunches contain lentils, vegetables, fruit and yoghurt every week. These are accompanied by either whole wheat and basin rotis or brown rice. Hassan Trust started its school meals programme in early 2014 and Korangi Academy is its first school. Using its experience at Korangi Academy, Hassan Trust is now expanding its meals to include government schools based in Korangi.

- Ms. Saba Hassan, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility



INFAQ Teachers' Conference

The first [annual] teachers' conference was held on March 1, 2014 at multipurpose Hall, CDSS, to pay tribute to the teaching profession and the commitment of the teachers to encourage educational research and training in the profession. The theme of this year conference was, "Teachers' Future in Pakistan". Mr. Swaleh Naqvi, Co Chairman-Infaq Foundation, Dr. Mohammad Memon, Dr. Meher Rizvi, Mr. Abbas Hussain and Ms. Laila Dossa delivered speeches.



Debate Competition

A debate competition was held at DHA Library. It was organized by Korangi Academy. Ms. Zubaida Mustafa and Mr. Fakhruddin Justice (R) Fakhruddin G. Ebrahim gave away the prizes.



Inauguration Ceremony of Home School & Boys' Hostel

Justice (R) Fakhruddin G. Ebrahim, President CDSS & Chairman INFAQ Foundation inaugurated the Home School & Boys' Hostel.



Sports' Day

Pakistan's test player Mr. Khurram Manzoor was the Guest of Honor on the Sports' Day



Success Story of Korangi Academy



This is my life journey; a journey where hope was present but no resources, where talent was evident but no mentor who could polish it. It was a journey where my passion helped me to transform. At an age, where I should have been focusing on my grades or building my dreams, I was forced to work at a bicycle repair shop. Later, I worked at a cell phone repair shop in Quaidabad. After completing my matriculation, I got admission in HSC Part-I at Korangi Academy.

The academy gave me the belief that anything could be achieved in life. It plucked a kid out of his small world and showed him that sky is the limit. Presently I am studying at FAST-NU, where by the grace of the Almighty I have secured top position in both the semesters. As a Youth Activist, my endeavour is to make life better for others in the best possible way. I was recently acknowledged for my efforts with a Youth Icon Award by Chanan Development Association. I feel truly blessed for being a part of Korangi Academy.

- Haris (former student of Korangi Academy)

Quality Education in Pakistan



There was a time when sub-continent was globally known as a glorious centre of education and culture. It had an ideal system of education which apart from disseminating sweetness and light, infused in the minds of the students a spiritual urge for coming in contact with these educational institutions. But now when we look at the present state of education in our country, the change shocks us deeply and we cry out in the language of Wordsworth.

The education that we now impart to our students lacks meaning and purpose. The whole system of education in our country is out of date. There is a set pattern of papers, books and lectures. The planners, teachers, students and the examination system, all are responsible for the fast deteriorating quality of education.

A comprehensive plan to raise the quality of education in our country should be evolved. Emphasis should be laid on meaningful education. Quality education means moral and cultural development of students. Here the question arises whether our education institutions are performing their duty in this regard and are they building the character of our future? We have to admit with regret that our educational institutions are not properly performing their role.

The uniqueness of Korangi Academy's educational philosophy is its learning-framework. It not only focuses on academics, but it also provides students an opportunity to initiate their social work projects under the supervision of school's social work committee. It gives them opportunity to explore their instinct of 'To Give' and in this way Korangi Academy inculcates the values of social values and norms. Moreover, they learn public speaking to nurture their communication skills to face every possible challenge in their professional career ahead.

- Nazim F. Haji, Vice President CDSS

Independence Day at Korangi Academy



Lincoln's Letter to his Son's Teacher

He will have to learn, I know,
that all men are not just,
all men are not true.
But teach him also that
for every scoundrel there is a hero;
that for every selfish Politician,
there is a dedicated leader...
Teach him for every enemy there is a friend.

Steer him away from envy,
If you can,
teach him the secret of
quiet laughter.

Let him learn early,
That the bullies are the easiest to lick...
Teach him, if you can,
the wonder of books...
But also give him quiet time to ponder the eternal
mystery of birds in the sky,
bees in the sun,
and the flowers on a green hillside.

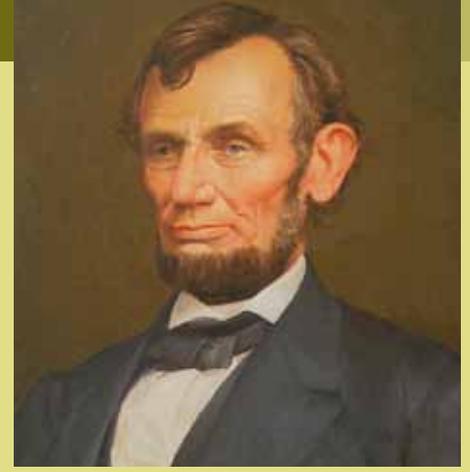
In the school teach him,
That it is far honourable to fail
than to cheat...
Teach him to have faith
in his own ideas,
even if everyone tells him
they are wrong...

Teach him to be gentle
with gentle people,
and tough with the tough.

Try to give my son,
The strength not to follow the crowd
when everyone is getting on the band wagon...
Teach him to listen to all men...
but teach him also to filter
all he hears on a screen of truth,
and take only the good
that comes through.

Teach him if you can,
How to laugh when he is sad...
Teach him there is no shame in tears,
Teach him to scoff at cynics
and to beware of too much sweetness...
Teach him to sell his brawn
and brain to the highest bidders
but never to put a price-tag
on his heart and soul.

Teach him to close his ears,
To a howling mob
and to stand and fight
if he thinks he's right.
Treat him gently,
but do not cuddle him,
because only the test



of fire makes fine steel.
Let him have the courage,
to be impatient...
Let him have the patience to be brave.

**Teach him always
to have sublime faith in himself,**
because then he will have
sublime faith in mankind.

This is a big order,
But see what you can do...
He is such a fine little fellow,
my son!

~ Abraham Lincoln

اک سروے رپورٹ

چکی بستیاں اور مکان
ان میں بھی بستے ہیں
ہم جیسے انسان
دوڑتے بھاگتے ننگے پتے
لیکن من کے کتنے پتے
رنگ بدلتے موسموں میں
ان کے آنگن پھر بھی کچے
دھول اڑاتے رہتے ہیں
لوگ تو ان میں بستے ہیں
ہر دم ہر بل بنتے ہیں
گلشن اس کو کہتے ہیں
اپنی دھن میں رہتے ہیں
اس بستے میں جا سکتے ہو
حال احوال لا سکتے ہو

افسرنے یہ ہم سے کہا
کرنا ہے اک سروے یہاں
مجھ کو بھراک فارم ملا
کانڈ پر کچھ کالم تھے
بھرنے سب وہ لازم تھے
کرنے تھا مجھ کو تحریر
ہراک کا جرم نقدیر
جس کی نہیں کوئی تصویر
لیکن ایسا کالم نہ تھا
جس میں رقم میں کر سکتی
دل کی تڑپ کا Average
بھوک کی Intensity
خواہشوں کی Percentage

ارم ممتاز - نیچر کورنگی اکیڈمی

Quotes by Quaid-e-Azam



"I have full faith in my people that they will rise to every occasion worthy of our past Islamic history, glory and traditions."

(On the occasion of the first anniversary of Pakistan on August 14, 1948)

"Nature has given you everything: you have got unlimited resources. The foundations of your State have been laid, and it is now for you to build, and build as quickly and as well as you can. So go ahead and I wish you Godspeed."

(On the occasion of the first Anniversary of Pakistan on August 14, 1948)

"Every Mussalman should serve Pakistan honestly, sincerely and selflessly."

(On the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr on August 27, 1948)

کورنگی اکیڈمی ترانہ

علم ہمارا رستہ ہے
علم ہماری منزل ہے
مشکل کے اس دریا میں
علم ہمارا ساحل ہے

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ورق ورق پر روشن لفظیں
مشعل بزم ہستی ہیں
لے کر اس مشعل کو ہمیں اب
راہیں نئی بنانی ہیں

دعا ہے میرے لب پر یارب
گھر گھر علم سے روشن کر دے
پاکستان کی اس دھرتی کو
ہنستا ہستا گلشن کر دے

روشن لفظوں سے ہے وعدہ
راہ عمل پر جب ہم نکلیں
نفرت کے اندھیرے فنا ہوں
پیار کی شمعیں روشن کر دیں

نتیجہ فکر - سید عبداللہ حیدر

Parents' Participation



Milad



Arts Competition



Project Day



Junior Sports



Founder's Day

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