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BIOGRAPHY

Since 1998, Veda Gill has served as Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan (PEB). A 2-year commitment turned into a long-term effort to strengthen PEB schools and to fulfill the mission of providing quality education to the poor. Veda oversees all the activities of the PEB office in Lahore and 25 schools throughout the Punjab province of Pakistan. Additionally, she supervises the SHE (Struggle-Hope-Empowerment) project for at-risk women and girls and community development programs of literacy, vocational training, and personal improvement. A former teacher of high school math and physics, Veda holds a BSc degree in Chemistry, Biology & Mathematics and a Master's degrees in Educational Administration and Business Administration.

Veda's connection with PEB began many years ago. When her maternal grandfather died, it left her grandmother with a large family and no means of support. One of the children, Veda's mother, was offered a scholarship to a Presbyterian boarding school in Sangla Hill. Her schooling and boarding were paid by scholarships from American donors. She went on to college and after graduation, she became a teacher. She married the controller of the school, and they had two daughters. Veda and her sister attended mission schools and then graduated from Kinnaird College in Lahore. Both women became teachers and earned Master's degrees. Veda's story is a true testament to the power of a scholarship to change a life and to give hope through the generations that follow.

Veda regularly travels to the United States to spread the good news about the PEB schools and to seek support for continued growth of the schools. Veda and her late husband Javaid have four adult sons and three beautiful granddaughters.