

2023

Annual Report



friends of peb

ABOUT US

WHO IS PEB?

In the mid-1800s Presbyterian missionaries from the United Presbyterian Church formed schools for poor children in Pakistan. Today The Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan (PEB) runs 25 schools in the Punjab region of Pakistan with more than 5,500 students in attendance. PEB is dedicated to providing quality education to all individuals regardless of race, religion or ability to pay. Because Muslim and Christian students learn together and are respected, students learn the values of tolerance, respect, and love which lead to a more peaceful society.

WHO IS FRIENDS OF PEB?

Friends of PEB was formed in 2008 to support and promote the educational purposes of PEB schools and fund their development.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Friends of PEB operates a scholarship program to allow students who can't afford an education to attend PEB schools. To support a day student the expense is \$400/year and a resident student is \$800/year. Scholarships cover full tuition, books, supplies, fees and uniforms. Resident students also receive room and board in one of the dormitories.



OUR MISSION

To provide opportunities for the poorest of the poor children in Pakistan through cultivating U.S. support of PEB schools.

Visit our website friendsofpeb.org for more information about us.

25 years of

REASONS TO CELEBRATE

In 2023, PEB celebrated 25 years since denationalization of schools. After the Pakistani government took control of all schools in 1972, the standard of education and quality of buildings deteriorated. In 1998, the government began to return schools to PEB. Here are some things we are thankful for over the past 25 years.

PEB Schools have increased from 7 schools to 25 schools.

Enrollment has increased over 900%.

Local resources have increased from 18% to 64%.

An orphanage house (HOPE Center) was built for boys in Martinpur partnering with Global Benefit from Germany.

Many old, dilapidated buildings have been replaced by new buildings. We have added 25 new buildings to the PEB school system.

For administration and management staff, an office building was constructed in Lahore.

Uniform primary school curriculum is implemented in all PEB schools.

Per our internal survey, students' satisfaction shows a positive trend.

Music and school bands have been introduced in many schools.

The number of employees has increased from 39 to nearly 600.

Computer labs, science labs, physics labs, chemistry labs have been added to schools.

Fifty percent of students are on full or partial scholarships.

Women Empowerment SHE and SHA projects are working in 51 villages to empower women in their economic, social and political rights.

Teacher training programs by US qualified teachers help in preparing the master trainers in each school.

School drop-outs are now 0% and students only leave on transfer cases. Student retention and parents' loyalty is our major success.

All schools are registered and affiliated with the respective government boards of intermediate and secondary education.

Three brand new boarding houses were built by ZOR Engineers to replace 100-year-old buildings.

On average, the pass rate in state examinations has increased from 11% to 98%.

Gender equality with a special focus on girls' education from underprivileged families is our basic mission.

From four main office employees, PEB has evolved to now have separate departments (Academic, Teacher Training, Finance, Administrative, IT, Media/Communication, Legal Aid, and Human Resources.)

Many graduates are now qualified teachers at our schools and are giving back to their communities. Other graduates are working successfully in a wide variety of occupations in countries around the world.

Co-curricular activities and inter-school competitions (Urdu debate competition, English debate competition, science, carol singing, sports and art competitions) are PEB's regular events. Many students are winning international awards in debate.

christian girls' high school martinpur

STUDENT STORY

Kinza Asif is a former student of CGHS Martinpur. Her father is a rickshaw driver. He could not afford the educational expenses for his five children. All of the children received scholarships and were able to study at CGHS Martinpur. Kinza achieved high marks on her matriculation exams. She went on to study FSc Pre-medical (grade 12) from Superior Group of Colleges in Nankana Sahib. Now Kinza is studying to become a Doctor of Physiotherapy at the Center of Advanced Studies in Health and Technology in Rawalpindi.

Kinza shares, "Today I'm here because of my caring and hard-working teachers and principal. I am grateful to God, for providing help in the form of a scholarship through PEB to fulfill my dreams. I am in the fourth semester now and showing good performance in my classes, averaging 80% marks in each semester. Often, I sit back and think that if I had not been given this scholarship, my life would have been very miserable."

When I become a Physiotherapist, I will use my income to help needy students like me. I want to run my own clinic and help poor patients. I thank the generous donors for making my life meaningful. I am also thankful to PEB, from the bottom of my heart. May God shower His uncountable blessings upon the generous donors and PEB team."



Because of generous donations to Friends of PEB's scholarship program, we are able to celebrate many students' success stories.

principal of christian girls' high school kasur

TEACHER STORY

Meena is the principal of Christian Girls' High School Kasur. Her parents were brick kiln workers. She is the youngest of 5 brothers and 5 sisters. While her older siblings helped their parents in the brick kiln, Meena got the fortunate opportunity to attend school.

Meena joined PEB school Kasur as a science teacher in 2004 after graduating from a local college. Her three nephews and one niece were also admitted to the PEB school where Meena was working. Meena continued to work hard and proved her capabilities and eventually was promoted to the position of principal of Christian Girls High School Kasur.

That same year her sister-in-law passed away suddenly and three months later Meena's brother died of cancer. It was a difficult time for the family and four school-aged children who were left behind. Meena, who was unmarried at that time, took responsibility for the children. She requested PEB to provide scholarships for them.

Meena's oldest nephew, Suleman,

excelled in his studies and joined the University of Engineering and Technology in Lahore. PEB supported him with a scholarship throughout his stay at the university and now he is a successful electrical engineer. He is working with WAPDA on scale 17. He is supporting his other brothers and sister.

Meena completed 20 years of service in Christian Girls High School Kasur. She is grateful to PEB and donors across the world for the support that was provided to her family.



Contributions to Friends of PEB's building project fund allow teachers like Meena to have a safe and well-outfitted classroom for teaching students.

a message from PEB's **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

In 2023, Pakistan saw new lows. The Pakistani rupee had a sharp decline, hitting a record low of 298 against the US dollar. On the political front, the arrest of Imran Khan triggered political drama. In August, the National Assembly dissolved and a caretaker government was formed. 2023 was the year of crisis for Pakistan's economy, politics and security. We witnessed a food crisis, mass protests, and political arrests.

Despite the chaos and unrest in the country, I am thankful to God for providing PEB with many opportunities to grow. For PEB, 2023 was a year of celebration and thanksgiving. PEB celebrated 25 years of the return of schools after denationalization. PEB published a video that showed 25 years of progress and a magazine that recorded 25 years of history. We also thanked 175 employees who completed 10+ years of service.

We had a lot of hope that the long awaited litigation matters of the three remaining schools to be returned to PEB would be resolved in 2023. Only one case, Rang Mahal, was resolved in our favor in the high court. This was a big achievement so we are hopeful for the return of the three remaining schools in 2024.

On the academic side, PEB is thriving and moving toward excellence. There is an enrollment waiting list of students for many schools.

Some other things to note as we look at the year ahead:

- PEB is in the process of introducing a financial software (Odoo) and academic administrative software (FACT).
- PEB was able to sign a lease agreement with Hyderabad Diocese, through the help of our German partners Global Benefit, to rebuild the 100-year-old boarding house that has been shut down for two years.
- PEB is in the process of reviewing its constitution and logo.
- The women empowerment project SHA (self-help approach) is empowering women in 45 villages of Sangla Hill. Thousands of women's lives are being transformed through learning micro-business and they are managing their households successfully.

Dear friends, God is at work through PEB. We are so thankful to God for the opportunity to help make Pakistan a little bit better. Thank you for joining hands with us.

Peace and prayers,



Veda Gill
*Presbyterian Education
Board (PEB)
Executive Director*

a message from our **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

2023 was a very busy, exciting year for Friends of PEB. We were fortunate to be able to take part in celebrating PEB's 25-year anniversary since denationalization. We spent the year looking back at the miracles God has done through the staff of PEB. We had chances to celebrate with those of you here in the states who have prayed, encouraged and supported the mission of educating so many of the poorest children in Pakistan. We took a group to Pakistan to celebrate with the PEB family and, when we returned, organized a Zoom call with many of our friends here in the US and the staff in Pakistan. I had the chance to meet many of you in person as Veda and I traveled to the Midwest and the Southeast.

You, our friends and supporters, once again stepped up and helped us meet the needs of the children in the PEB schools. It has been my honor to work with you this year and to get to know so many of you. I look forward to meeting even more of you in the coming year as we look toward the next 25 years!

Many blessings,



Cheryl Burke
*Friends of PEB
Executive Director*

a message from our **BOARD PRESIDENT**

As I reflect on 2023, I am impressed with the many friends who have joined hands with us to support education in Pakistan. With your help, the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan (PEB) received \$316,269 for scholarships and \$650,050 for capital projects, PC's, solar panels and other needs. Your commitment and support are so appreciated by the students, teachers and staff of PEB. That support is especially important to those families of students who receive scholarships, since it provides access to a quality education, access that would otherwise not be possible.

On behalf of PEB, the Board of Directors of Friends of PEB and our small but dedicated staff, thank you so much for your trust, prayers and financial support. It is with excitement that we look to 2024 as we continue to work on providing education to the poorest of the poor in Pakistan. Thank you again for your kind and generous support and we prayerfully ask for your continued help.

With gracious appreciation,



Sam Martin
*Friends of PEB
Board President*

catching EXCELLENCE



Venus Suleman
*PEB Associate for
Academics*

1998 marks the year when PEB began the journey of a thousand miles when the Punjab Government decided to return seven out of ten PEB schools. It was indeed a historic moment, but the battle was only half won, as restoring the crumbling schools to their days of initial glory was a task to behold.

The schools were low academically, with very limited and untrained teaching staff and the educated ethos was negligible. The instruments of high-quality education like proper curriculum, science labs, library, curricular and co-curricular activities were all lacking.

The immediate task for the PEB team was to work with what was available and make quality education available for all. The task of revival began with restoring the infrastructure and providing basic amenities in each school.

Ultimately hard work bore fruit; a few of the primary schools were upgraded to secondary, while two secondary schools were upgraded to higher secondary level. To further expand the horizon, three new boys' schools were also established in different areas of Punjab i.e., Sialkot, Pasrur, Sargodha and a few village



primary schools to provide at least a primary education to the village children.

PEB team started strategizing to improve the academics:

- Developing principals, staff and teachers in different areas by providing special on-spot trainings, special training in PEB head offices and Zoom trainings.
- Developing handwriting books for students.
- Developing curriculum with a special emphasis on identifying the weaknesses and achieving the goals.
- Developing science labs.
- Developing an academic calendar for the smooth functioning of all schools.

In order to provide an atmosphere for the holistic growth of young minds extra-curricular and co-curricular activities were incorporated. Five inter-school competitions are held each year i.e. English and Urdu debates, Sports,

Carol singing, and Science competitions, which help children develop their communication skills, interpersonal relationships and inculcates ethical values in them.

The investment in knowledge paid the best interest as many students now go on to pursue higher education or professional degrees. Our graduates are serving in all areas

from healthcare to academia, business to bureaucracy and law; our students are excelling and making us proud. This change in the lives of our children is the result of true learning.

The past 25 years have been a learning process for us and we feel proud to have made it this far! We are thankful to the Lord for His many blessings!



PEB TODAY

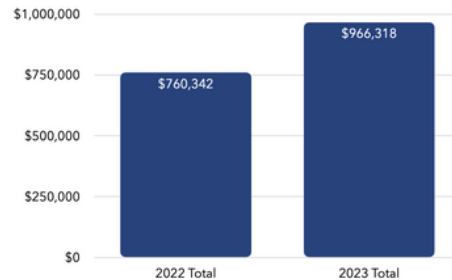
In PEB, we believe perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.

- The academic team has experienced and fully-trained individuals for all subjects. Education professionals from the US provide an annual 5-day training for PEB teachers. There are also online and other trainings throughout the year.
- Targeted strategies are aimed at both classroom and out of classroom teaching.
- The schools follow special curriculum, which includes all instructions and assessment aligned with state standards.
- Modern spaces have been developed to create better learning experiences for students: libraries to develop a habit of reading, science labs for practical experience alongside theory, and computer labs to learn technology.

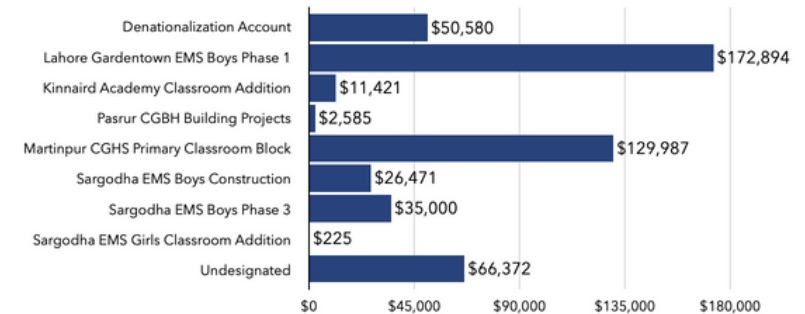
2023 FINANCIALS

We prayerfully strive to be good stewards of every gift we receive and be transparent and honest in all we do. Please find all of our financial information below, and thank you for supporting our mission and caring for students in Pakistan in 2023!

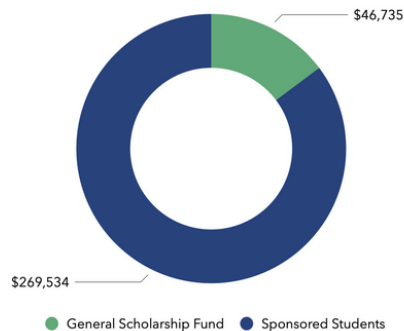
TOTAL RAISED 2022 & 2023



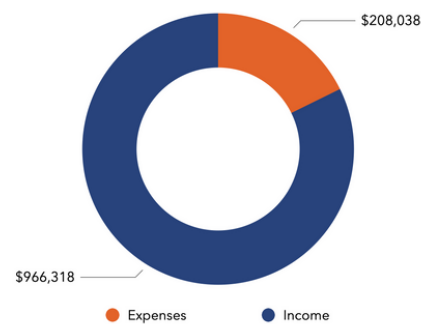
2023 BUILDING PROJECTS TOTAL RAISED \$495,535



2023 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTAL RAISED \$316,269

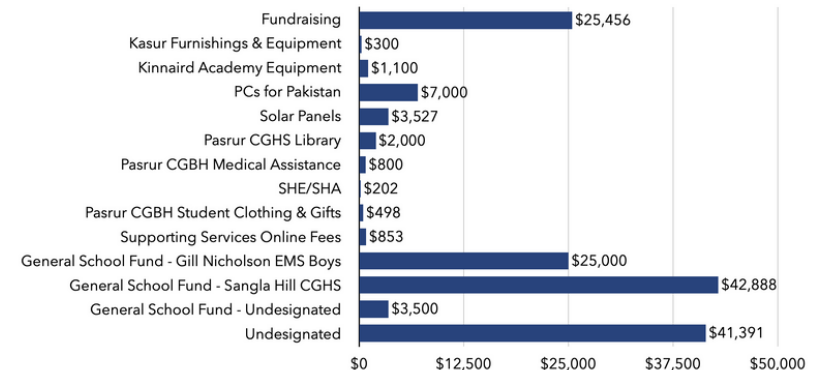


2023 INCOME AND EXPENSES



All income that does not go to Friends of PEB expenses, goes directly to PEB

2023 SPECIAL FUNDS TOTAL RAISED \$154,515



OUR MINISTRY BUDGET ALLOW US TO:

SHARE the story of the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) Schools and communicate current PEB news to US partners.

GUIDE churches and individuals to discern how they can participate in PEB's mission.

HELP arrange visits from our PEB mission workers for hands-on assistance.

LEAD exploration trips for donors to visit PEB schools.

CULTIVATE financial support for PEB by way of grants, bequests, corporate resources, church and individual donations.

FINANCE by providing a safe and secure way to receive, send and monitor funds to PEB in Pakistan.

OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS through the PEB scholarship program that provides student profiles and photos to donors.



2023 DONORS

Thank you to our donors and partners who have supported our mission this year. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of children who are thirsting for hope through education.



"I pray to God that he uses me and my family someday to support other children's education and to be used for his Glory, just like the kind-hearted donors at PEB have been used by God to help me and my siblings."

Jessica Alexander, PEB Kinnaird Academy Alumna

CHURCHES

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Bound Brook Pres Church of Bound Brook, NJ
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Derry Presbyterian Church of Hershey, PA
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St. James Presbyterian Church of Mechanicsburg, PA
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Westwood Presbyterian Church of Wichita, KS

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travel with us to

PAKISTAN

Every year, Friends of PEB escorts US citizens to Lahore, Pakistan to visit PEB schools and see how US donations are making a difference. In 2023, a group visited Pakistan during PEB's 25 Years of Denationalization Celebration and was able to join in on the fun.

Highlights from past exploration trips include: Being welcomed by students at various PEB schools, engaging in a double-decker bus tour of the city of Lahore, experiencing Pakistani food, shopping at local markets, meeting scholarship students, attending school events or competitions, and making many new friends.



SCAN ME



MORE INFORMATION

Contact Cheryl Burke at cheryl@friendsofpeb.org to find out more about upcoming trips. We would love to have you join us!



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