



FRIENDS  
OF PEB

# Annual Report

2025

## CURRENT STUDENT: *Maryam's Story*

In the bustling city of Sialkot, a young girl named Maryam grew up as the eldest of four sisters in a modest home where her father earned a living by driving a motor cab and her mother devoted herself to caring for the family, stretching every resource to provide for their daughters. Life was never easy, and paying school fees often felt impossible, yet Maryam, bright and determined, managed to study in a small local school until the 4th grade. Everything changed one day when a painful argument broke out at home—her father accused her mother of producing four daughters, weighed down by hardship and frustration, told them to leave.

Heartbroken but resilient, her mother gathered the children and moved to her parents' home near Pasrur, where she heard about PEB'S Christian Girls High School Pasrur, a school renowned for its compassion, quality education, and affordability. With hope in her heart, she enrolled Maryam and her sisters there on scholarships, and their lives took a new direction.

Settling into the boarding house, Maryam's world transformed—mornings and evenings were filled with prayers, hymns, and the reassuring rhythm of faith, grounding her spirit in God's love.

Yet, the trials continued when her father, now a Muslim, began visiting, urging his daughters to convert to Islam so he could take them back. Fearful for their safety, her mother confided in the boarding school houseparent, who lovingly protected the girls. Still, Maryam never responded with anger; instead, each time her father came, she met him with grace, sharing Bible verses, speaking of God's promises, and praying for his heart to change. Her unwavering faith, quiet strength, and steadfast prayers made her a beacon of hope within the boarding house.

Years passed, and her intercessions never ceased until, at last, a miracle unfolded—her father, moved by love and longing for his family, felt the gentle pull of God's Spirit and returned to Christianity, embracing his faith once more. The joy that filled their home was indescribable, and Maryam, now known as one of the strongest prayer warriors at Pasrur Boarding House, had witnessed the power of unshakable faith. Her journey stands as a living testimony that prayers can move mountains and God's light can shine through even the darkest valleys.

*\*name changed to protect privacy*



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*Mission*



TRANSFORMING LIVES IN  
PAKISTAN THROUGH  
SUPPORTING PRESBYTERIAN  
EDUCATION BOARD (PEB)  
SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE  
INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE,  
AND HIGH-QUALITY  
EDUCATION.

## A MESSAGE FROM Cheryl

Friends of PEB continued to grow in 2025. We added a new staff member, Kayden, to take on the project of expanding our social media presence. We also had more than 50 new donors join us in our mission to support the work of PEB. We continue to have an above average donor retention rate at over 73% and a steady stream of scholarship sponsors and large gifts. We have an incredibly loyal and generous donor base and we hope to continue to add to that base in the coming year.

Due to our donors' generosity, we saw the completion of the primary classroom building in Martinpur. In addition to that, we were able to repair the boundary wall, build a guard house and a canteen, and move the entryway to allow for a larger play area on the main grounds. We have installed solar power systems in two of our schools, Kinnaird Academy in Lahore and the boarding house in our Sargodha school and were able to repair the boundary wall in Sanga Hill when it was blown over by storm winds in July. We have now broken ground for a new primary classroom in Pasrur and for the administration block for the new primary grades classroom in Kinnaird Academy.

In addition to the capital projects, our donors contributed to more than \$300,000 toward scholarships and operating costs for the Presbyterian Education Board schools. This included fees for the adoption of the International Baccalaureate program at Kinnaird and a plan to add the program in Sangla Hill in 2026.

As we reflect on the past year, we are humbled to see the faithfulness of God in the continued operations and growth of PEB and we are honored to be allowed to be a part of that. None of this would happen without our donors and we appreciate their incredible generosity!

Looking forward to seeing what the future holds!

Warmly,

**Cheryl Burke**

*Friends of PEB Executive Director*

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Greg Harris**, *President* | retired, Principal

**Caroline Haerberle**, *Vice-President* | Teacher, St. Vrain Valley School District

**Sally Smith Garmon** | retired M.D., Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital System

**Kirk Perucca** | retired, PCUSA pastor

**John Armbrust** | Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Austin Achieve Public Schools

**Jennie Harrop** | Associate Dean of Digital Studies, George Fox University

**Aized Gill** | Vice President, Private Client Financial Advisor at Citizens Wealth Management

**Daud Nosham** | PhD Candidate, University of Nebraska

**Ken LeBlond** | Marketing Communications Manager, Univ. of Mass. Donahue Institute

## A MESSAGE FROM Veda

Despite political instability and nationwide school closures that shortened the academic year across Pakistan, 2025 was a year of steady growth and meaningful progress for PEB. Schools remained open for only 150-170 days against the targeted 200-210 days due to weather disruptions, security concerns, and administrative closures.

Our schools strengthened curriculum and science programs, introduced Urdu Phonics, and invested heavily in teacher training. The International Baccalaureate Program (IB PYP) was launched and expanded at Kinnaird Academy, with plans to grow this opportunity further. Students thrived through strong test results, national achievements, debates, science competitions, and faith-based programs.

In 2025, we also welcomed nearly 35 international partners from the U.S. and Germany who provided training, encouragement, and construction support.

Major construction progress included completion of the Academic Block at Christian Girls High School Martinpur, along with new guest rooms, toilet block and boundary wall improvements in Sangla Hill. Work continues on new buildings in Sargodha, Pasrur, and at Kinnaird Academy, expanding safe, quality learning spaces for girls.

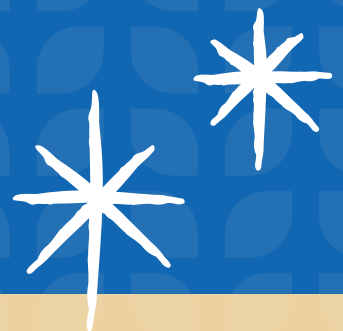
We also successfully regained possession of our long-illegally occupied Sialkot Guest House after being under litigation since 2015, a significant milestone in safeguarding PEB's assets. Legal and advocacy efforts continue to protect school properties and strengthen long-term institutional stability.

Through every challenge, PEB remains committed to faith-filled leadership, accountability, and providing quality Christian education that transforms lives.

Many thanks,

**Veda Gill**

*Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) Executive Director*



# IMPACT AT A *Glance*



25 Schools



4 Boarding Houses



5,500+ Students

## SCHOLARSHIPS

167 Boarding students

281 Day students

11 higher-ed students

*supported through individual scholarships*

Scholarships cover tuition, books, uniforms, and boarding when needed.

## EDUCATION FUND

- **Tuition Assistance:** Any student without an individual scholarship sponsor received support to help cover school fees, ensuring that no child was turned away due to financial need.
- **Sustaining School Operations:** Covered all PEB operational costs not met through student tuition.
- **Teachers & Staff:** Provided salaries for dedicated teachers and staff.
- **Learning Environment:** Supplied classrooms with essential materials and maintained safe environments for students.
- **Academic Growth:** Supported the launch of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Kinnaird Academy, expanding opportunities for students to receive a globally recognized education.

## BUILDING PROJECTS

- **Martinpur Primary Classroom Block:** Construction was completed, and in September 2025 students moved into eight new classrooms.
- **Kinnaird Academy Expansion:** Fundraising launched for nine new classrooms and a new administration building. Construction on the administration building has begun.
- **Pasrur Primary Expansion:** Fundraising began for a new classroom building to serve the youngest learners in Pasrur.
- **Sargodha Girls School:** Fundraising started for a new combined campus for all girls, replacing the aging and deteriorating Girls English Medium School and Christian Girls High School.
- **Sangla Hill Boundary Wall:** After storms destroyed part of the boundary wall, partners quickly stepped in to fully fund repairs, restoring safety and security to the campus.



**Education is the pathway out of poverty, especially for girls in rural Pakistan. Every scholarship and classroom built supports community resilience and long-term opportunity.**

# 2025 FINANCIALS

Thank you to our 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. To view a list of our individual donors who made this possible, please visit [friendsofpeb.org/financials](https://friendsofpeb.org/financials).

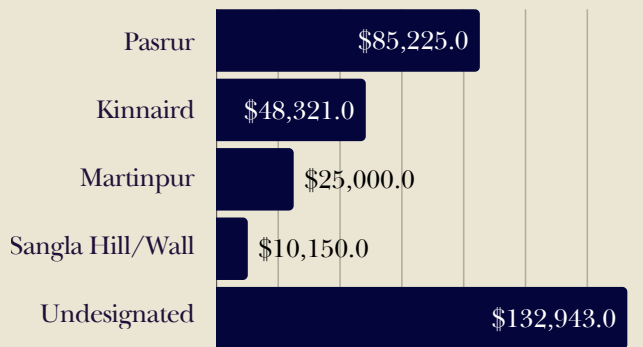
**Total Raised 2025** **\$806,882**

**Total Raised 2024** **\$797,669**

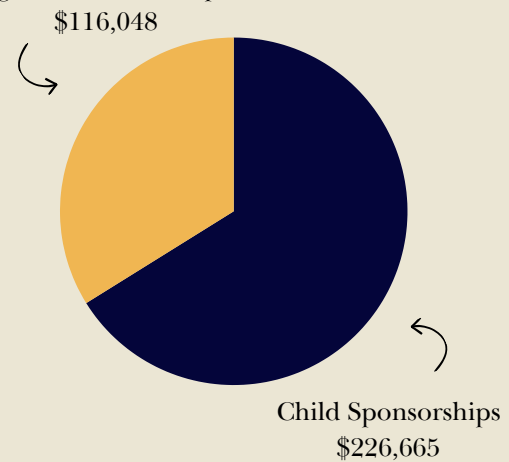
**Expenses 2025** **\$258,086**

**Education Fund** **\$342,713**

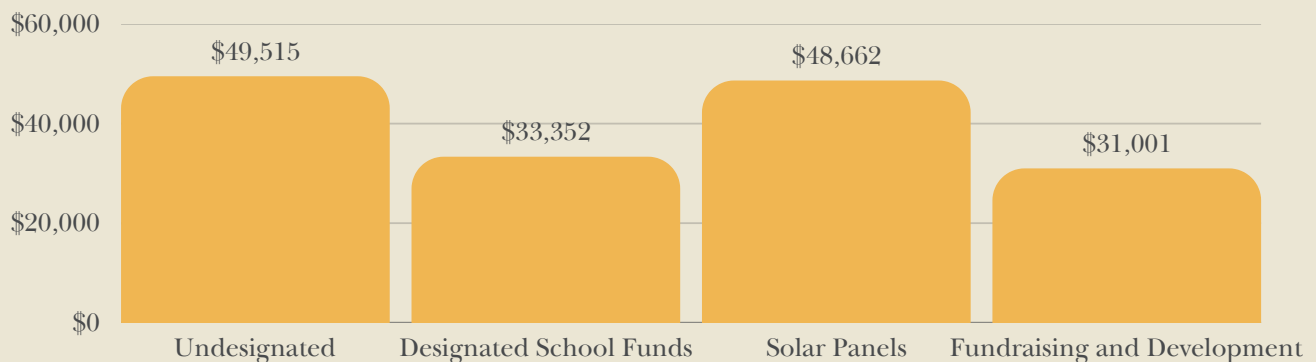
**Building Projects** **\$301,639**



Undesignated Scholarship Funds



**Special Funds Income** **\$162,530**



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