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A Letter from Cheryl

Dear Friends,

When I first became acquainted with PEB in 2004, the organization had five employees and operated out of a garage. I still remember stepping down into Veda's office for the first time. It was a tiny rectangular room with just enough space for a desk, a small tea table, and two visitors' chairs. There was hardly room to walk. At the time, the hope was to keep the current schools afloat and to, slowly, improve the buildings and quality of education. What no one could foresee was how rapidly all that would come about. The five original staff could not hope to keep up with the rapid, donor supported growth of these schools.

As the number of schools and students grew, it became clear that PEB needed additional staff. Academic specialists were essential to ensure students received the quality education they deserved, and administrative staff were necessary to keep a rapidly expanding organization running smoothly. Over the past 28 years, PEB has continued to grow intentionally, always with the needs of the schools and the commitment to transparency and efficiency at the forefront.

Today, PEB has an HR department that ensures fair and unbiased hiring practices. A media team now documents and shares the work happening across the schools. The accounts department has grown from one person to a full team. And the academic department now includes subject specialists who work yearround on curriculum development and teacher training, rather than relying on a single annual training.

As PEB continues to grow and strives to strengthen every aspect of its work, I am excited to share that three new employees will be joining the organization this fall. All three roles are new additions, and two of them will be funded by partner nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Erma Gill will join PEB as the **Associate Executive Director**. She will work closely with Veda, providing essential support across all areas of leadership. As many of you know, Veda works extraordinarily long hours and spends significant time in the U.S. fundraising. Having an Associate ED will allow her to delegate responsibilities when she is traveling and reduce some of the strain on her schedule when she is in Pakistan.

Mr. Brant Meier will join PEB as the **Robotics, AI, and Digital Infrastructure Engineer**. The academic team has long hoped to introduce robotics and AI into the curriculum—fields that are increasingly essential for students entering today's world. Mr. Brant will develop curriculum, provide staff training, and oversee the updating and maintenance of computer labs across PEB schools.

A third individual, currently awaiting a final interview, will serve as the **Associate for Boarding and Residential Facilities**. She will oversee all aspects of the boarding houses and will also work to locate and stay connected with PEB alumni. We here at Friends of PEB are especially excited about this role, as it will allow us to do a better job of gathering and sharing the stories of our graduates. This is something we have wanted to improve on for years but lacked the personnel to pursue.

It is always inspiring to witness PEB's growth and ongoing commitment to excellence. Thank you for being part of the journey that has made this progress possible. Your consistent support gives PEB the confidence to expand its work and invest in new opportunities—ensuring that students not only succeed in school but continue to thrive long after graduation.

With gratitude,

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Security Update

Goal: \$350,000

Currently Raised: \$176,905

Thanks to our generous friends, major security improvements have now been completed across all PEB schools. **Every campus now has enhanced security measures in place**, including 24/7 CCTV cameras, walk-through security gates, metal detectors, and armed security guards. Pakistan's security status has also improved from **red** to **yellow (caution)**.

The final phase of the project is completing campus boundary walls. Construction at the Pasrur campus has been completed, with razor wire installation planned following the monsoon season, while work on the new boundary wall at the Sargodha campus is underway. These final improvements remain a priority as we continue providing safe learning environments for every PEB student.

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Kinnaird Academy Expansion

Goal: \$850,000

Currently Raised: \$245,576

The need for space continues to grow at Kinnaird Academy. Every classroom is full, and more than 200 children are still on the waiting list. The next step in construction, following the completion of the new administration building, is a new academic block with nine additional classrooms.

Give today to help us continue building and make room for 200+ more students to attend Kinnaird Academy and receive safe, high-quality education.

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News from Pakistan: Teacher Training

Each June, teachers and school leaders from across PEB campuses in Pakistan come together for a week-long residential training focused on professional growth, collaboration, and excellence in education.

This year's training, themed *Words to Wonders*, included workshops on Urdu phonics, leadership development, science, and English instruction. Through interactive sessions and collaborative learning, teachers gained new tools and strategies to better engage and inspire their students.

The dedication of these educators is a powerful reminder that strong schools begin with strong teachers. During their summer break, PEB teachers are investing their time in learning and growth so they can return even more prepared to serve their students in the year ahead.

We are grateful for the trainers, staff, and supporters who make opportunities like this possible for teachers across PEB schools.

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Student Story: English Medium School for Girls Sargodha

“My name is Zainab and I’m a digital product designer working at *Gradient Minds* in Islamabad. I design apps, websites, and other digital products, focusing on making them easy to use and visually appealing.

I graduated from PEB’s English Medium School for Girls Sargodha in 2018. I’m really thankful to this school for the support, education, and values it gave me. The teachers were always encouraging and helped me to believe in myself. The confidence and creativity I have today as a designer, started from this great institute, and I’ll always be grateful for it.”



Available Student to Sponsor

Boarding Student | \$70 per month

“My name is Anaya. I’m in Class 9 at Christian Girls’ Boarding House Sargodha, and I dream of becoming a teacher.”

Anaya’s father is a laborer, and her mother is a caretaker. Anaya’s family cannot afford school fees on their own. She is waiting for a sponsor to help her continue her education long-term. Would you consider helping her family with tuition costs?



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