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A Letter from Cheryl

Dear Friends,

Each August, PEB gathers to celebrate one of the most joyful moments in our students' lives: graduation. It is a day filled with pride and mixed emotions as families and the PEB community gather to honor the hard work and accomplishments of these young people. For many of our families, this marks the beginning of something they had only dreamed about. Their child is the first in the family to complete 10th grade. That achievement represents far more than a diploma; it signals the opening of doors that were once closed and the possibility of breaking cycles of poverty that have persisted for generations.

Yet graduation is meaningful for every student who walks across the stage. It reflects years of perseverance and hard work, and the steady belief that education can change lives. This celebration honors not only academic success but also determination and the shared commitment that makes PEB's mission possible.

This year was no different. Graduates from all PEB schools gathered for the event. In a little over twenty-five years, PEB has gone from very few students passing these exams on the first attempt to nearly one hundred percent of them passing. The grades they receive on their external exams, which are required of all students in Pakistan, continue to improve. Many are now among the highest scoring in the region. Considering where many of these children begin, that is a truly amazing accomplishment. These students would not have reached graduation without the support made possible by our donors. Your generosity has allowed PEB to continue to provide high-quality education so that hundreds of students can imagine futures that once seemed out of reach and move toward them with the skills and confidence they need to succeed.

As we celebrate these students, we also look at our future graduates. Hundreds of children began their schooling in PEB's classrooms this year. Our nursery, prep, and kindergarten teachers welcomed little ones and their families at the start of an adventure. This is the story of every year in our schools: students heading into bright futures and new ones coming in to begin that journey.

But there is also a difficult part of that story. PEB puts hundreds of children on waiting lists every year because we don't have enough space for them. Across Pakistan, millions of children still do not experience a first day of school. The need for accessible, high-quality education remains great, and the long-term strength and growth of PEB depends on partners who believe in sustaining this mission for generations to come.

One of the most meaningful ways to extend your impact is through planned giving. None of us were here when PEB schools were founded, and we hope that they outlive us by generations. By including Friends of PEB in your will or estate plans, you help ensure that future students will have the same opportunities as today's graduates.

Planned gifts strengthen scholarships, support teachers, and provide stability that allows PEB schools to grow with confidence.

If you have already been giving faithfully to PEB, planned giving is a natural next step. It is a way to continue your legacy of compassion, stewardship, and hope. A simple bequest can make an extraordinary difference.

As we rejoice with this year's graduates, we invite you to consider how your generosity can echo forward. Together, we can ensure that the story of transformation continues, one student, one classroom, one generation at a time.

Please join us in praying for our new graduates as they move out into the world!

With gratitude,

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Friends of PEB also welcomes planned gifts, donor-advised funds, IRA distributions, or gifts in other forms. If you have questions about your gift, please contact Cheryl at cheryl@friendsofpeb.org or 678-697-6454. If you've recently added Friends of PEB to your will, please reach out to let us know!



Security Update

Goal: \$350,000

Currently Raised: \$177,205

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: \$246,451

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 new administration building is nearing completion, bringing the school one step closer



to its next phase: a new academic block with nine additional classrooms. This expansion will create space for more students to learn, grow, build friendships, and discover their potential in a safe and supportive school community.

Give today to help 200+ more students access a quality education at Kinnaird Academy.

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News from Pakistan: Back to School

After a summer break that began in early July, PEB schools across Pakistan welcomed students back to campus on Monday, August 24!

While classrooms were quiet this summer, the PEB team was still hard at work. Teachers participated in multiple trainings designed to strengthen academic standards and provide them with new tools to help students succeed in the year ahead.

Then came one of the most joyful days of the year: **the first day of school.**

Nearly 6,000 PEB students returned to campus, excited to see friends and reconnect with teachers. For many students, school is one of their favorite places to be. It's a place where they are encouraged, where they can learn and grow, and where they simply get to be kids without having to focus on the responsibilities waiting for them at home.

For many of us in America, the first day of school may bring memories of new backpacks, first-day photos, and seeing friends again. For PEB students, that first day represents something even more meaningful: opportunity, belonging, and the chance to learn.

Because of your support, we are grateful that a growing number of students get to walk through school gates and experience the joy of another first day of school.



Available Student to Sponsor

Boarding Student | \$70 per month

"My name is Percikla. I'm in Class 6 at Christian Girls' Boarding House Sangla Hill, and I dream of becoming a pilot."

Percikla's father is a security guard, and her mother is a laborer. Percikla'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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