

**PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION BOARD (PEB), PAKISTAN
AND FRIENDS OF PEB**

Dear

I am contacting you from Friends of Presbyterian Education Board (PEB), Pakistan. Our mission is to provide educational opportunities to the poorest of the poor children in Pakistan's Punjab region through cultivating U.S. support of PEB's schools.

We are presently in the middle of our Scholarship Campaign 2021: JUST ONE. We are reaching out with a Scholarship Shares Proposal the churches in your Presbytery might be interested in. This format has been used by several of our church supporters with great success. It is easy to adapt to different congregations and easy to implement.

Please take a moment to review the attached information and proposal. For more information, please visit our website at www.friendsofpeb.org.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Laurie Gift Harris at laurie@friendsofpeb.org or myself, Pam Rivera, Development Coordinator at pam.rivera@friendsofpeb.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Blessings to you,

Pam Rivera
Laurie Gift Harris

2021 Outreach Support Request

Part 1: Organization Information

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Number of Years Organization Has Been in Service: Since 1850. PEB was started by Presbyterian missionaries in 1850. The schools and land are still owned by the PCUSA and managed by Pakistani Christians through the PEB Board.

Description of work done by your organization: PEB has established and maintains 24 schools in Pakistan and educates 6,000 students. The schools have Muslim and Christian children and youth learning side by side in an atmosphere of respect and tolerance. At the end of every school year, all students take national achievement tests with most PEB students receiving above average marks. Many of these students go on to college level training. In addition to providing quality education, PEB has developed and maintains facilities that provide safe havens for children to live and learn. These facilities are constantly updated. Major building projects are currently underway to increase classroom and recreation space. All the schools have waiting lists.

Is your organization's humanitarian effort local, national, or international?
International

Affiliations

PEB is affiliated with Friends of PEB (FOPEB), a United States 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the work of PEB. PEB is also a validated mission of the PCUSA and is a recognized ECO recipient.

OUR HISTORY

Presbyterians started mission work in the Indian sub-continent during the 1850's, with girls' schools, boarding houses, and primary schools in poor villages. The missionaries acquired large parcels of land for future expansion. When Pakistan became a nation in 1947, management of the schools remained with the missionaries.

In 1972, a new movement (nationalism) allowed provincial governments to take over all educational institutions. Over time, most of the nationalized schools suffered from severe neglect and inadequate teaching resulting in little actual education being provided.

In 1995, the Presbyterian Church (USA) filed a legal case to reclaim 10 schools which had been built on PC(USA) owned properties.

Due to neglect by the government, the schools were in deplorable condition when returned to the Presbyterian Education Board through PC(USA). Veda Gill works as Executive Director for the Presbyterian Education Board under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in partnership with PC(USA). The Board raised enough funds to hire capable staff and teachers and begin construction of new buildings, as well as attracting a large group of PEB supporters. In 2008, Friends of PEB, a US non-profit fundraising organization was established.

Despite much opposition and challenges of property-related issues, PEB has moved forward. Now, 20 years since denationalization, there are 24 schools with nearly 6,000 students and 500 employees. Committed principals, professional office staff, and teachers at each of the schools have seen excellent results from their efforts, with many girls and boys graduating and continuing to higher education in universities.

OUR MISSION

Providing opportunities for the poorest of the poor children in Pakistan through cultivating U.S. support in PEB schools. (Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan)

OUR VISION

Building bridges to a better world through education.

AWARDS

Guide Star Seal of Transparency

Charity Navigator Top 100 Trusted Site Seal

FUND RAISING FOR PEB SCHOLARSHIPS

PEB schools are mainly located in the Punjab region functioning in remote rural areas. One such school is a rural Christian Girl's High School located in a small Christian village in Martinpur. Most of the families earned daily wages of \$2.00 working in the brick kilns. On a 2019 fact finding trip to Martinpur, PEB learned that many of the brick kilns were closing due to pollution control. The workers would have to find other ways to support their families, and the options were few. During the pandemic, the employment options decreased even further forcing some students to find work themselves.

It is well known that the only future hope for these families is for their children to receive an education and obtain a good-paying job. PEB has many success stories of these children paying off family debts and teaching their parents how to read and write to break the devastating cycle of poverty. When these young people are given a chance to learn, these - the poorest of the poor in Pakistan - excel in national exams and inter-school competitions. Education is the key to their future success.

See the flier on the next page used at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, PA to raise funds for scholarships. This idea came from the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church in New Jersey. Enough money was raised for 11-day students (these will be continuous), 1 boarding student (also continuous) and 5 one-year day students. Derry also supports 10-day students on a yearly basis.

JUST ONE scholarship means so much to the child who receives it. They want to stay in school!

A similar or modified flier could be created for your church to fit your congregation. Instead of puzzle pieces, a sunflower or other shape could be used. The amount per petal or share could be \$5, \$10, \$15, or \$20 depending on the size and fiscal ability of your congregation.

The above paragraph illustrates the extreme need for help with tuition costs.

Tuition for a day student is \$31/day or \$370/year.

Tuition for a boarding student is \$62/day or \$740 year.

Uniforms and fees are included in the tuition.

SHARE IN DERRY CHURCH'S MISSION TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOLS IN PAKISTAN

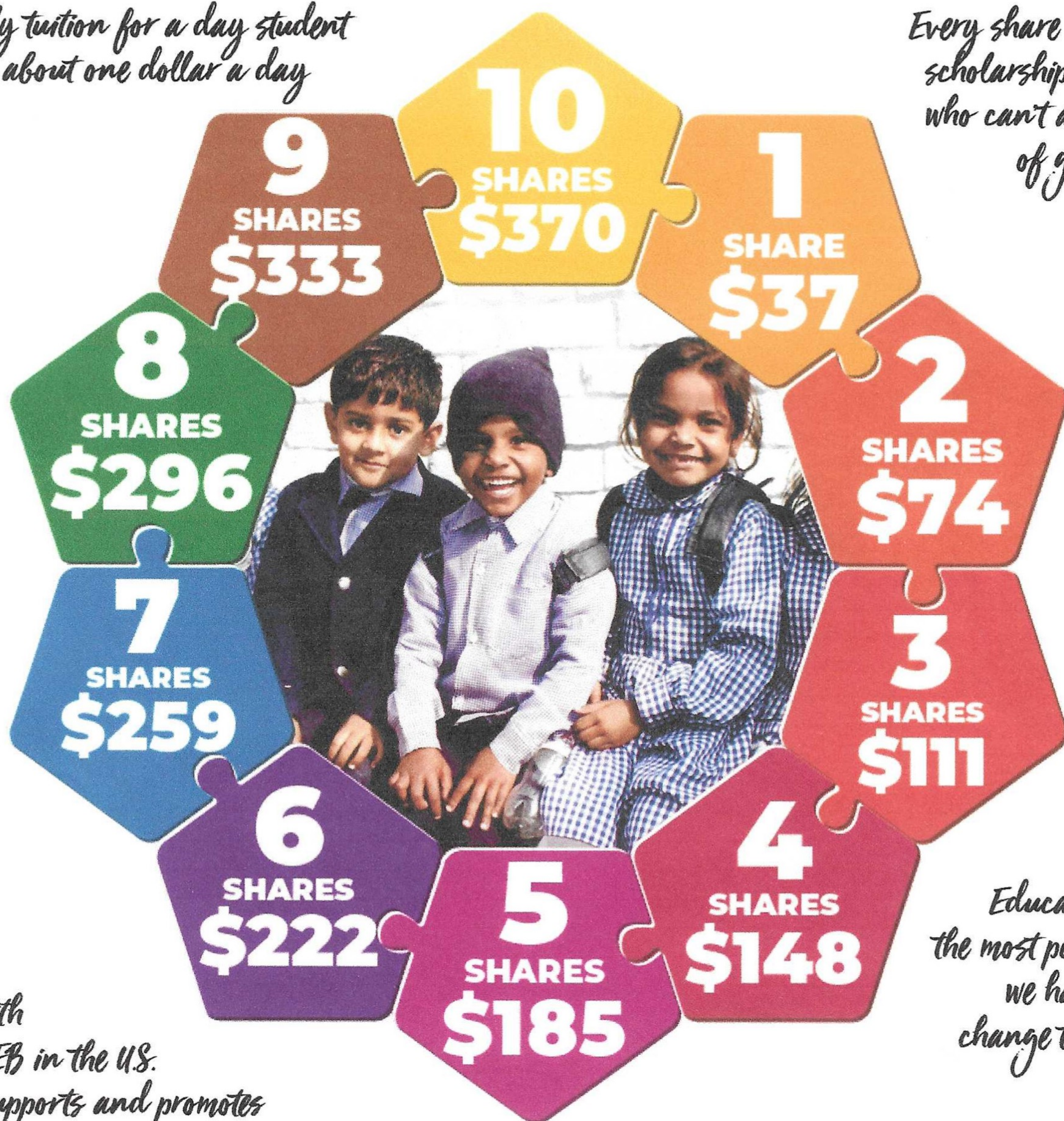
Ten shares cover the cost of a one-year scholarship for one student in need.

Decide how many shares you can purchase this year.

Whether it's one share or a dozen, when we put together everyone's shares, we can meet our goal of providing scholarships for ten students in 2021!

Yearly tuition for a day student costs about one dollar a day

Every share helps to fund scholarships for students who can't afford the cost of going to school



We partner with Friends of PEB in the U.S. This group supports and promotes the educational purposes of the Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan

Education is the most powerful tool we have to change the world.

Description of Programs

The scope of the PEB program extends to primary and secondary schools, higher education, and vocational, professional, and technical training for children, youth, and adults regardless of race or creed. In some of the schools, dormitories are available for Christian children.

PEB exists to provide human and financial resources to educate children in mind, body, and spirit in an environment with core values of self-discipline, integrity, tolerance, respect for others, fairness, and justice in all dealings. We value all religious traditions while being rooted in our Christian tradition. Our Christian and Muslim students will be empowered and enabled to deepen their faith and their sense of community with each other. They will be educated to have a spirit of service and a quality of character that will help them contribute positively to society as citizen-leaders of their communities, their places of worship, their country, and the world.

Measuring Success

Success is measured by the completion of the students' education and by regular standard educational assessments. Part of the assessment is an evaluation of character development. This is difficult but an essential part of the schools' stated mission. Students are prepared to compete successfully as they reach intermediate and higher education levels. Another measure is to prepare them for careers in the work world.

PEB schools continue to do well in the Matriculation Examination from the State. The highest grade within the PEB system in 2020 was 1056/1100, obtained by a student of Kinaird Academy High School for Girls. (Girls and boys are separated at age 10-11 according to government policy.) The overall pass percentage in PEB schools is 88%, with 57 students obtaining A+ or A grades (above 70%). The overall pass percentage for Christian students was 83% and 18% obtained A+ and A grades. Most of the graduating students will continue in higher education in local colleges. Many have started at colleges and others have applied to take professional courses. The principals have been active in following-up with students and helping them get admission.

Religion

PEB schools teach children of any religion that apply. Religious classes are taught twice a week in each grade. This is the same for both private and government schools as it is included in the national curriculum. Muslim students take Islamiyah during their religion class, and Christians take Bible. Some religious days are celebrated as a school. Kinaird Academy has a Christmas program for all students as well as a day celebrating the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad for all the students. No evangelism or proselytizing is permitted

Finances

Funding Sources

Percentage of total funding comes from:

Government 0% Federal 0% State 0%

Private Institutions

Corporations 0% Foundations 19.5% Churches/FOPEB 13.5%

Individuals 67% (includes school fees paid by parents)

Percentage (%) of total budget are administrative expenses

FOPEB – approximately 15% - includes staff salaries, postage, office supplies, required insurance and state registrations, etc.

PEB – approximately 5% - includes legal expenses, meeting expenses, office maintenance and vehicle running

Tax exempt status 501(c)(3) for FOPEB upon request

Annual operating budget for PEB and FOPEB upon request

Tuition

Tuition for day students is \$31/day or \$370/year.

Tuition for boarding students is \$62/day or \$740/year

Tuition includes uniforms and fees.

Students without scholarships pay fees that vary from school to school and are often less than the amount it costs to educate the child. An attempt is made to set fees that are doable for poor families. No student should have to drop out of school.

Scholarships are especially important so that more students can attend, and so that PEB can continue to pay teachers a decent wage and fund the other costs of the school.

Statistics

5700 plus students

500 plus employees

56% girls/ 44% boys

58% Christian/ 42% Muslim

Distinguishing PEB

Several important differences distinguish PEB schools from other organizations providing education in the developing world.

1. These schools were established by Presbyterian Missionaries in the Punjab region of Pakistan in the 1850's. The property is still owned by the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan (PEB) is an autonomous board under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in Pakistan. PEB is supported by the PC(USA) and other churches and organizations worldwide. The PEB organization is fully accountable and has a proven track record of managing all funds in a transparent and credible way.
2. The twenty-four schools are operated by Pakistanis who live where they teach. They provide high quality education for primary and secondary-aged students, higher education, vocational, professional and technical training for children and youth regardless of race or religion.
3. Teachers in the PEB system receive on-going training to ensure top quality instruction. Up-to-date curriculum and teaching techniques are incorporated each year as needed.
4. Especially important, Muslim and Christian students study side-by-side providing a good educational environment, and a peacemaking and an opportunity for tolerance that has lasting implications for the country and the world.

- About Pakistan -



Green: Muslim majority
White: Religious minorities
Crescent and Star: Progress and Light

The flag symbolizes Pakistan's commitment to Islam and the rights of religious minorities.

In 1947 Pakistan received independence from the British government. The capital of Pakistan is Islamabad. The country is comprised of four provinces: Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KCP). Pakistan borders Afghanistan, China, India and Iran.

Pakistan is a beautiful and varied land. The Karakorum and Himalaya Mountains rise in the north; vast plains lie in the Punjab; in the south are the hot dry deserts of the Sindh and the breezy beaches along the Makran Coast. Hospitality is an important part of Pakistani culture.

Pakistan currently ranks 147th out of 188 countries (the US ranks 10th) on the United Nations' Human Development Index (long and healthy life, knowledge, and a decent standard of living). The major challenges facing the country are poverty, illiteracy, corruption, political instability, terrorism, overpopulation, and inflation. Internal strife in the country results in intimidation and discrimination against minorities, causing a misuse of the blasphemy law and burning of Christian homes and churches.

Education in Pakistan

Pakistan's education sector is starved for resources with a mere 2.7% of the GDP spent on education. As a result, public schools have meager resources, are poorly run, and are unable to meet sufficient educational standards. 47% of Pakistani children have never attended school. For those who do go to school, the drop-out rate at the primary level is a staggering 41%. The literacy rate in the Punjab province (age 10 years+) is 60% (male 70%, female 51%). However, there are wide variations across the Punjab province. In rural areas, literacy drops to 64% for males and 40% for females.

Pakistan is partnering with the United Nations toward achieving 17 Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal #4 - Quality Education. This goal seeks to provide all girls and boys with free quality primary and secondary schooling by 2030. It also aims to provide equal access to affordable vocational training and to eliminate gender and wealth disparities through universal access to quality higher education.

Education for Christian Children in Pakistan

Christians are the largest minority in Pakistan. Most Christian residents are illiterate and parents are unable to give their children a proper education. Public schools are not easily available for many living in Christian villages, and those Christian students who do attend the failing public schools are often persecuted. Most Christian parents cannot afford school fees, books, and uniforms for private schools. By 3rd grade, many children from Christian communities drop out of school and work to help provide for their families. Pakistan's Christian communities recognize that quality education is vital for their children to escape poverty and discrimination.

Fast Facts

Population:
208 million, 6th
largest in the
world

Languages:
official - Urdu,
60+ others

Size:
307,376 sq.
miles (twice
the size of
California)

Religions:
96% Muslim,
2% Christian,
2% other

Per Capita
Income:
\$1629/year

Literacy Rate:
60% (age
15+ years)