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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to our friends and family of ABWT, our Patron in Chief Manzoor Ahmad Wattoo, our Board of directors, esteemed philanthropists, our international donors and provincial and federal government who have supported our projects and our vision at every turn.

At ABWT we envisage a Pakistan where everyone has access to food, health, quality education and is free from poverty. This vision is the basis of all our projects. Continuing our mission forward this year we worked on our ongoing projects adding new sites for water filtration plants bringing the total number to 36 plants which benefit thousands of people every year. With the help of TIKa, (Turkish International cooperation Agency) we have also built a waiting area at THQ Haveli Lakha which will aid the patients and their families who previously did not have a space to wait at the hospital. The area is equipped with fans, benches, heaters and a mosque. In the field of health, we are working tirelessly on our wheelchair and artificial limb program pairing patients with doctors and donors who support their treatment. Our work for general patients has continued this year. Our ongoing projects including Vocational training center, Kidney



RUBINA SHAHEEN WATTOO
Chairperson, ABWT

Dialysis Centre, Collective marriages, Boongi Ram Singh High School, Sponsor a Student Program, Ramadan ration and Iftar dasterkhwan are continuing successfully with the support of our donors.

For the coming year, I appeal to our donors for their support and contributions in our programs. As the holy month of Ramadan is upon us, ABWT aims to provide ration bags to destitute families and to feed hundreds of people in our Iftar Dasterkhwan Program. I humbly request your support for these programs. May we continue to work together to uplift our citizens in every way possible. InshAllah



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15th Collective Marriages Ceremony

ABWT is proud to be the pioneer of collective marriages in Pakistan. Beginning in 2003 we have arranged this ceremony for 1105 couples. We have been working for the past 20 years to share the burden of parents who cannot marry off their daughters owing to a lack of resources. In many cases families have to wait years before they can afford the custom of dowry for their daughters. Our first preference is always orphan daughters of our society followed by those families where the father is critically ill. Preference is also given to

differently abled persons and the poorest of the poor.

The 15 collective wedding ceremony was held at Avari Hotel, Lahore on 16 Feb 2024.

All the marriages were sponsored by the honourable Dr. Anila Khan, Mr. Farooq Akram, and Mr. Sheikh Asad ur Rehman. We are grateful to our donors for their continued support. Without them, these projects would not be possible. We also offer sincerest thanks to the Avari Hotel and their staff for their cooperation every year for our events.





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Sponsor A Student Program 2024

Ameer Begum Welfare Trust believes in education paving the way forward for the youth of Pakistan. ABWT held its annual distribution of cheques ceremony for our students for Sponsor a Student Program. The event was held at Avari Hotel in Lahore on 6th January 2024 and was attended by our past and present students along with donors. 80 students are continuing their education through our sponsorship along with 25 new students. 12 of

our students have successfully completed their education this year and now begin their professional careers.

We are grateful to our esteemed donors who have supported at every turn. It is the efforts of our donors who make this program such a huge success. ABWT also offers gratitude to the Avari Hotel for their continuous support of all our programs.





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“Assalamualaikum! I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible financial support I received during my studies. Coming from a poor financial background, my parents faced numerous challenges in supporting my education. However, thanks to the generous assistance I received by ABWT due to which I was able to pursue my studies without the burden of financial stress. It truly made a world of difference in my academic journey and allowed me to focus on my goals by studying in abroad. I applied to the University of Chester in the United Kingdom and thanks to my education, I was offered scholarship to attend university abroad. I am the first. From my family to be able to do this. I am forever grateful to ABWT for the opportunity it provided me and the doors it opened. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!”

JONEECA YAQOOB

BSc Food Science and Nutrition Kinnaird College for Women.
MSc Public Health University of Chester





Boongi Ram Girls' High School

In recognition of its services in the field of Education, the Government of Japan awarded a High school building in the rural area of Boongi Ram Singh, District Okara to Ameer Begum Welfare Trust. Agreement for the School project was signed on 25th January 2012, between

Mr. Hiroshi OE, the Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan and Mrs. Rubina Shaheen Wattoo, Chairperson of ABWT. 250 girls are enrolled at this school and are studying for a brighter future. This is the only girls' school in the area providing free, quality education to students.





Ameer Begum Welfare Trust Vocational Training Center

Ameer Begum Welfare Trust Vocational Training Institute in Wasawewalla Okara was set up in 2014 with the aim of equipping women with primary skills and knowledge to empower them to earn a livelihood for themselves and to contribute to the welfare of their family and society. Skills courses of Dressmaking, Knitting, Beautician and Tailoring are offered at the center. To further the development of skills and enhance their chances of employability, ABWT inaugurated the "Computer Classes

Course". Furthermore, a Social Entrepreneurship Course was also started to prepare women for starting and managing small businesses independently. High achievers are granted a fund of PKR 50,000 after course completion to start their own small business. The institute also gives a Stipend of RS. 500 per trainee per month in addition to uniform and reading material. We are proud to report that 876 students have passed out successfully after completing their skills.





I belong to Haveli Lakha. We are six siblings, one brother and five sisters. My father passed away some years ago which caused many financial issues for us. My sisters and I decided to pursue our education to support our family. I have completed my BSC and I am now enrolled in the Vocational Training Center in Computer course. I have learnt a lot of skills including Microsoft windows, typing and MS office. Due to my skills gained in MS office, I have a lot of chances for employment in organizations like Nadra in the capacity of lab assistant. The skills I learnt in VTI have prepared me for a successful career in the future. I am grateful to VTI for supporting my dreams.

—SANA LIAQUAT



We are a family of 5 siblings. We are all enrolled in education. I have completed my BA and in January of last year, I began my course at Vocational Training center in the capacity of beautician. I learnt many skills including facial, hair dressing, makeup and others. These skills will greatly help me in my field. I have always wanted to be a beautician and hopefully one day open my own salon in my area. This will help me to support my family while doing something I am interested in and passionate about. I am thankful to the staff at VTI for helping me be better in my field. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

—SADIA ASHRAF



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MOU Signing for 12 Water Filtration Plants

The provision of clean drinking water is one of our primary goals at ABWT. To further this goal, Chairperson ABWT Mrs. Rubina Shaheen Wattoo signed an MOU with the representatives of The CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, Mr. Scott Willey and Mrs. Cherie Willey for the installation of 12 water filtration plants. These plants will be installed in public areas such as schools, hospitals etc to benefit maximum number of people. We are immensely grateful to the Church of Latter-Day Saints and their representatives for their support and we hope to continue to work with them to better aid the people of Pakistan.



Inauguration of Water Filtration Plants

Pakistan is suffering from a water crisis that is expected to get more dire in the coming years. There are entire regions where clean water is inaccessible for the public and as a result, the locals are faced with a number of health problems due to consuming unsafe water. ABWT is on a mission to provide clean drinking water to remote areas of Pakistan. Keeping in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, we embarked on a project to install water filtration plants to benefit thousands of people.

We are immensely proud to add another 12 water filtration Plants to our growing list. We have now installed 36 number of plants with collaboration of our generous donors. The newest installation was sponsored our esteemed donor Farooq Akram on

15-4-2024 who financed the construction of 11 plants while 1 plant was donated by our donor Mr. Sheikh Asad ur Rahman. The plants were installed in the following locations:

- ❖ Govt Girls High Secondary School, Mandi Ahmadabad
- ❖ Govt Boys High School, Attari
- ❖ Village Fatyana
- ❖ Village Larri Adda
- ❖ Jannat-ul-firdous, Lahore
- ❖ Rural Health Center, Mandi Ahmadabad
- ❖ Aman Ullah Dispensary
- ❖ Marghzar Welafre Society Lahore
- ❖ Daood Bandgi High School Sher Garh
- ❖ Masjid Khadim Husssain Depalpur
- ❖ Muhammad Nagar
- ❖ Said Pura

Water Filtration Plant Muhammad Nagar





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Water Filtration Plant Masjid Khadim Hussain



Water Filtration Plant Aman Ullah Free Dispensary, Daska





Installation of Water Filtration Plants

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Restoring Mobility and Hope through Artificial Limbs and Wheel Chair Donation Program

In the year 2023-24 ABWT continued its commitment to providing artificial limbs and wheel chairs to individuals in need, empowering them to regain mobility and independence. Through the generosity of our donor, Mr. Farooq Akram from Glasgow, we were able to provide 12 artificial limbs to individuals with physical disabilities.

43 wheel chairs were distributed among the most deserving individuals of which 20 wheel chairs were provided to THQ hospital Haveli Lakha. These wheelchairs were generously donated by the charity organization of the late Dr. Rizwana Iqbal which is being run by her niece, Ms. Zainab Nasir.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Farooq Akram, Ms. Zainab Nasir and our donors who made this program possible. Your support has transformed the lives of countless individuals, and we are honored to have you as part of our community.





Construction of Waiting Area for Patients

THQ Haveli Lakha

A designated area for families and patients awaiting treatment was constructed at THQ Haveli Lakha in Tehsil Depalpur. The rising number of patients at the hospital and a lack of space for a waiting area caused a lot of rush and discomfort for the patients who often had to wait on the road for long hours. Chairperson Rubina Shaheen Wattoo took notice of the issue on her visit to the hospital and upon discussing with the MS and doctors of

the hospital it was decided to construct a waiting area for patients. ABWT requested TIKa (Turkish International Cooperation Agency) to facilitate this construction. We are proud to report that the waiting area is complete now with a small mosque along with benches, fans and heaters for winter. This area is immensely useful for the hospital and for the patients and their families. We thank TIKa for their continued support of our causes.





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Ration Distribution with Qatar Charity

Ameer Begum Welfare Trust has been working alongside Qatar Charity to provide ration to families all year round. In 2024, Qatar Charity donated 50 bags of ration comprising of essential food items for the month. The ration was distributed by Mr. Amin Abdur Rahman (Country Head Qatar charity) at the ABWT head office in Lahore. We are immensely grateful for our consistent partnership with the organization and hope to continue working together in the future.





Ration Distribution

Every year we continue the tradition of ration distribution in the Holy month of Ramadan. The ration is distributed to the most deserving families who are in dire need of it. This year we were supported by our esteemed donor Mr. Farooq Akram who graciously gave ration for 400 families. We are immensely thankful for their continued support in our projects.





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Ramadan Iftar Dasterkhwan

Ameer Begum Welfare trust has been organizing Iftar Dasterkhwan for the past 13 years. Around 300 people (families and staff members) are fed daily during Ramadan at Sheikh Zahid Hospital in Lahore. We would like to thank Ms. Suraya Shah for

her continuous support in this program along with her team of volunteers who are instrumental in making this program a success. We offer our sincerest gratitude to our donors who have made this possible.



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