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NAJMUS SAHAR GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL, BANGALORE INDIA, aims to give poor girls a quality education and prepare them for leadership positions in a country where schools are struggling to overcome the legacy of detrimental government policies. Our English medium high school is bridging the huge gap that exists between the privileged and the poor. Can the poorest girls from the slums get the access to the best jobs on equal terms? Is

it possible to influence an entire system to change? AWCC is attempting just that.

This year has been very successful and a very exciting one too. We have paid college fees for 150 girls. Having this opportunity after graduating high school is, in reality, empowering these underprivileged girls. Without advanced education, they are lost to an early marriage to a poor man, or they get menial jobs as house maids, and remain poor.

▲ Graduating class of 2009 and everyone is off to college!

With college degrees these girls can compete to get good jobs which start to affect their families. They are able to use their skills and education to be successful, a success which affects their local communities and the nation as a whole. This is the change we are trying to inspire by providing higher college education to these girls.

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This newsletter has tales you hold in your hands of women and girls of our school which are moving and inspiring. Their stories are heart breaking and yet their spirit carries them. They are stories that have to be told, that have to be held up to the light of humanity. For the sorrows of India's poor children have not ended. We need more quality schools in every slum to provide millions of children, who have no access to good schools, food and health care.

ACTIVITIES OF SCHOOL—

The school is running very well with continued financial support provided by the giving hearts of Americans, who are empowering women and children of this school. The teachers do a great job with their teaching and with the health and nutrition programs. By the time they are in their 10th class they bloom into healthy young women. With healthy bodies and minds they are able to perform much better academically

Our college program has inspired all the girls at school to take more interest in their studies and do well so they can attend colleges.



◀ Healthy happy girls of 10th class who will graduate in March of 2010. What a change that three years of nourishment and nurturing makes. They are now ready to go to college.



▶ When the girls join the school they are teeny tiny. With our nutrition and health facilities they turn into healthy, happy young women when they graduate from the 10th class.

▼ Students who are now in college.



▲ Ashwin Warrior from Seattle University visited the school with his mother.



► Children getting uniforms, books, shoes, etc., when they are admitted in the 8th class of the school.

▼ Girls get their glasses after the eye camp. We have dental work done for all the girls.



▲ Milk, lunch and fruit is given daily to provide the nutrition that the girls need.

▲ Every Saturday our girls interact with the students from American international school and learn art, music, reading, computer skills and sports.

▲ Independence Day, August 15th. The girls are saluting the flag



▲ Mothers are invited every month for counseling about domestic issues, and financial help is given to them. These determined women and our inspired girls are facing problems from the men of the house who abandon them if they pursue college education. The responsibility of financial support of nearly 100 mothers has fallen on us.



◀ Almas was our star student at school. Now she is in her fourth year of college doing business studies with a computer application. She is a 4+ student and she has been granted a government scholarship.

▶ Jamshidais was a student in our school when we thought of starting a college program. Her father sweeps the grounds of a tiny school and is very poor.



◀ Sadiqa will be joining medical college in June 2010. She is Alma's and Gulfam's younger sister. All three sisters are children of a poor auto rickshaw driver. Academically, they are amazing. Inspired by her, this year, eight high school students are joining pre-medical college.

▶ Now Jamshida is out of college with two years of teacher's training, ready to get a job in any school. She plans to do a correspondence course in Bachelor of Arts, so she can teach at high school level. This is empowerment.





◀ Gulfam is a brilliant student graduated from our school and went to college in 2004. She holds a Bachelors degree in Science, and wanted to pursue a MBA, but we could not afford the fee. She now teaches at a high school, tutors in the afternoons and does her correspondence course for masters in science, at night. She has been offered professorship in her college when she graduates from MSC.



◀ Farah, an orphan child in school. This March she is graduating from college in Business Studies with computer application. She plans to work as a business manager in Dubai. She has bloomed into a confident beautiful young woman.



▲ Aysha when she joined school in eight class. (left) We saved her from being kidnapped, sent her and the family into hiding for 3 months and allowed her to continue school wearing the burqa which hides her face. Now Ayesha in College doing bachelor of arts. And she plans to become a teacher.

▶ Shabrin when she joined the school. Now in the third year of college.



◀ Another Shabrin, when she joined school. (left). She had to come late to school because she had to work for her aunt until 10 A.M. We had to counsel the aunt and provide some assistance so that Shabrin could attend normal hours of school. Now a beautiful young woman in the third year of college.



▲ Naghma in school. (left) After her graduation her father died. Her mother had to marry her off, one mouth less to feed. Nagma pursued her studies at home by correspondence course. This year, she came to us and we sent her to college for her Bachelor of Arts. She plans to be a teacher.



▶ Hina, brutally abused by the father, rescued by missionaries and was sent to our school. Now a healthy young woman in the first year of college, talented henna artist she earns a lot of money applying henna at weddings. She has bought her own cell phone.





▲ Left to right: Shahrin, a merit student, is doing business studies with computer application on a scholarship. Ambrin is working on a Bachelor of Arts. Shaheen, a Bachelor in Commerce. And Tarannum is working towards a Bachelor of Arts. All four are all-star students in their colleges. We are very proud of their achievements!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

INVEST in a **entire circle of life** in educating a high school girl, for \$180 per year.

INVEST in **educating a college girl** for \$250 a year and a degree course for \$750 a year.

INVEST in a **teacher** for \$2,500 a year. At the very heart of AWCC PROGRAMS is the delivery of top class education. The teacher is integral to this. By investing in a teacher you will enable us to deliver a key part to our program.

INVEST in the **school building**. The rent of the building is \$1,000 a month.

INVEST any amount towards **general expenses** of running of the school.

We assure you not just transparency of the way we use your valuable contribution, but also ensure that what you give positively impacts the girls and empowers them.

Our organization has quality, integrity, with strong and dedicated leadership. We have already proven our interest in welfare and empowerment of underprivileged women and girls of India in bringing education and hope to the most destitute people.

Our organization has truly made a difference as funds are used primarily to deliver service. AWCC is managed by all volunteer Board of Directors headed by Z.B.Ishaq

I thank you once again as you the people of America, are trying to inspire the change on the other side of the globe and I am just your ambassador to embody this change.

With gratitude
Zubeda Ishaq
President

OUR VISION

EDUCATION is the ultimate tool for improvement of human condition. This is what we are providing the poor girls at our school, so they can have equal access to the best opportunities.

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- To sponsor a teacher - \$2,500 a year
- Towards rent of school building - \$12000 a year
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