



# Roshni Newsletter

## Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme in Karbath Village

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme in Karbath Village is our Outreach Programme and a project of Amin Maktab, a school for special children in Gulberg, Lahore. It is an early intervention programme that aims to provide awareness, psychological treatment and counselling facilities to special children and adults in economically depressed areas of Lahore. The programme is running in collaboration with the Punjab Welfare Trust for the Disabled.

In Karbath village, the families of special children do not have any awareness about the identification and rehabilitation of such children. Roshni Association, although being an institute for special adults, decided to collaborate with Amin Maktab for this project for the sake of community welfare.

Through this programme, local ladies from the village have been trained to identify the families in need of assistance and to offer their services. The training is been given by the experienced staff of Amin Maktab. Ms. Saima Sattar Bajwa (Day Care Service Support Manager at Roshni) and Ms. Shamsa are leading the project as Master Trainers.

Ms. Shamsa from Karbath is a respected lady of the village and is also a member of the Girls Guide Association of Pakistan.

Presently, three CRPs (Community Resource Persons) are working in Karbath while five more have completed their training and will start their baseline surveys in another nearby village 'Havailian' to identify children and adults with special needs. Roshni is providing transport facilities, training and other logistics support to CRPs, and children/adults with special needs, at their door step with, overall supervision. Currently 45 children with special needs are getting psychological treatment, physiotherapy, speech therapy and counselling. The aim of this project is to provide the services to marginalized parents at their homes so the children with special needs, and who need care, could lead better lives.



## Roshni Living Community

Roshni Village is a centre where people with and without special needs come together to live and to work. The Roshni Village's primary goal is to nurture healthy development while providing a stable environment in calm surroundings. Currently, we have 36 special friends in Roshni (27 in the living community & 9 in day care).

*"Study me as much as you like,  
you will not know me, for I  
differ in a hundred ways from  
what you see me to be. Put  
yourself behind my eyes and  
see me as I see myself for I have  
chosen to dwell in a place you  
cannot see."*

Rumi

## Pakistan's Independence Day

Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated enthusiastically by the students of GERS and special friends in Roshni Association. They dressed in the colours of the national flag, with the crescent and stars painted on their faces. The students enthusiastically sang the National Anthem and several patriotic songs renewing the hope, promise and high aspirations for the future of Pakistan. They delivered inspiring speeches and performed in different tableaux on the auspicious day.



Group photo of Roshni staff with students of GERS on Pakistan's Independence Day celebrations in Roshni



Roshni Friends & GERS teachers performing a tableau

## Eid Milan Parties with Roshni Friends

Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Azha & Eid Milad-un-Nabi and Easter, the joyful occasions of fun and excitement were celebrated with great enthusiasm by students, special friends and staff members at Roshni Association. Greetings were exchanged and sweets were distributed to the students. The purpose of these parties was to share love and kindness and to have an enjoyable time.

## Stone-laying Ceremony of Green Earth Roshni School's New Building

Mr. Zafar Bhatti, the owner of Green Earth Recycling Factory, along with his wife Mrs. Afshan Bhatti and their son Babar Bhatti, laid the foundation stone for Green Earth Roshni School's new building in Haier village, Bedian Road, near Lahore, on 4th October, 2017. Mr Bhatti has graciously donated 3 Kanals (13,000 square feet) land for the new school building and is bearing the entire cost of its construction, expected to be around Rs18 million. The school children, parents, Roshni Association staff members and friends attended the ground-breaking ceremony and offered prayers for the success of the project.



Mr. Zafar Bhatti in the centre, along with his son Mr. Babar Bhatti, with the Roshni Team at the foundation stone-laying of the new GERS building

Addressing the ceremony, Roshni Association's General Secretary, Mr. Muhammad Zahid Durrani, expressed his gratitude to Mr. Zafar Bhatti for his tremendous efforts for the education of children belonging to surrounding local villages. The ceremony marked an important milestone with the laying of the foundation stone. The new school's spacious building has an area of 13,000 sq. ft. and will have additional classrooms, halls, a kitchen and a dining room to provide better facilities to the children. At present, our new school building donated by our generous partner, Mr. Zafar Bhatti, is under construction. The momentum of the work is quite rapid and it is expected that within three months class rooms will be



Mr. Zafar Bhatti, Mrs. Afshan Bhatti and Mr. Babar Bhatti with Roshni Management and GERS Staff

shift to the new building. There is a great need to have a playground for the school children. The land adjacent to the new school building, measuring 11,250 sq.ft., is available for sale but its purchase would cost at least Rs 19 million (excluding transfer fees). However, due to insufficient funds, we are unable to bear the huge cost. In order to buy this land for the school students, we urgently need generous financial support.

*Our work is inspired by anthroposophy, given by Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian philosopher, literary scholar, architect, playwright, educator, and social thinker. It generated many practical endeavours, including special education, Waldorf education, biodynamic agriculture and anthroposophical medicine. It aims to reform society through maintaining and strengthening the independence of the spheres of cultural life, human rights and the economy.*

# Gallery



Students enjoying merry-go-round rides at the carnival



Student of GERS after completing his painting during Roshni Art Competition



An intern of Akhuwat painting a girl's face at the carnival



Students of GERS during the foundation stone-laying ceremony of their new building



A view of Green Earth Roshni School's under construction new building



Kindergarten students during the foundation stone-laying ceremony



Students and teachers of GERS at the Khewra Salt Mines



Roshni Staff & Special persons' visit to Rana Resort, Lahore

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Mr. Tariq H. Mirza along with his sister, Ms. Anisa Mirza and son Wassay Mirza



Roshni Friends while practicing for Special Olympics Games



Roshni Friends in different costumes after their performance in a drama



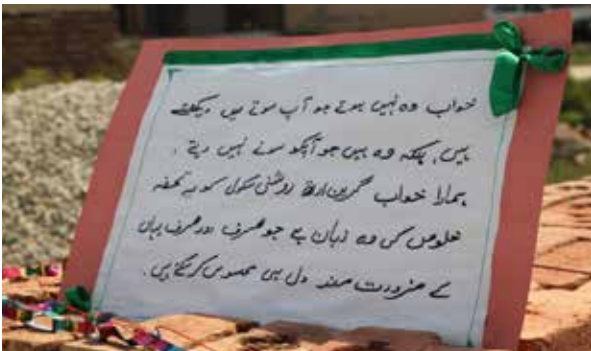
Avicenna Medical College Students during their visit to Roshni



Roshni Friends during SOP Games at Punjab Stadium, Lahore



CBR special Children while celebrating Independence Day



GERS students donation of 1000 bricks from their pocket money



Mr. Zafar Bhatti while putting the first brick of the New GERS building

## Meet Hamza Amjad

Hamza Amjad was born on 5th October, 1995. His father is a peon and his mother is a housewife. He has one brother and a sister. Diabetes is a hereditary illness in his family. His interaction with his family member and relatives is good.

Hamza is now part of our Roshni living community and resides in Roshni House. He works in the bakery workshop. He is now so well trained that he can easily measure the quantities of various bread recipes. Moreover, he is efficient in bread-cutting, packing and labelling of stickers.



During his early days at Roshni he mostly used to remain idle but, with the passage of time, he has been able to develop an interest in different activities of the workshop and in the house. Now he is very active and behaves in a responsible manner. He also takes part in different games and has won many prizes in racing and cycling competitions. He looks after his colleagues, especially those who are working and living with him.

We are very happy to have him as a part of our community at Roshni and it's an honour and a matter of satisfaction for us to see that he is enjoying his stay with us in the living community.

## GERS Education System & New Academic Year

GERS education, based on the international Waldorf School system, prides itself for unfolding the unique capacities of children by engaging the creative imagination of the mind, the spirit of the heart and the skillful use of the hands. from Kindergarten Class to Grade 8.

The new academic year commenced on 3rd, April, 2017. Currently, there are 12 teachers who are rendering their services to 174 students, including 100 girls and 74 boys. A further 30 students are already on the waiting list for admission to kindergarten class for the year 2018.

As most of the students belong to under privileged and marginalised families of the surrounding villages, their educational expenses are met by the school.

### Field trips for learning valuable experiences

Field trips and excursions are important are important forms of practical learning. Away from their classrooms and workshops, students and special friends are able to explore the world around them

and learn many new things from their experiences. On 12th, August, 2017 teachers and Class 8 students were taken to a trip to Khewra Salt Mines and Kallar Kahar. Students of Class 5 visited the Harappa Museum at Jan-a-Jahanara, and also Bhawa Singh (for landscaping and gardening). Similarly, special friends of Roshni also had an excursion. They visited Rana Resort and enjoyed the beautiful scenes of over 200 acres of thick bamboo jungle.



Students and teachers of GERS at the Khewra Salt Mines

## Five Years Recurring Expenditure for the years ending 30th June, 2013 to 2017

EXPENDITURE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Salaries and Other Benefits	5,406,499	6,153,798	6,981,399	7,594,340	8,216,370
Sub-contractor's Fee for Security Services	240,300	256,000	292,160	187,480	171,824
Utilities	750,982	909,897	856,617	883,807	975,920
Bakery	360,298	298,083	248,416	496,062	408,940
Wood Workshop	111,069	59,130	26,568	6,093	24,439
Textile Workshop	39,774	71,665	63,690	50,683	18,358
Bedian Farm	237,175	348,820	764,492	694,370	682,206
Green Earth Roshni School Expenses	312,650	491,610	461,761	210,576	586,975
Community Houses	1,139,168	1,103,528	1,290,785	1,532,530	1,574,601
Printing and Stationery	54,941	31,236	42,209	40,564	15,450
Rent, Rates and Taxes	66,000	12,500	-	-	-
Travelling and Conveyance	315,641	593,571	154,635	121,774	97,924
Vehicles Running and Maintenance	1,617,834	1,683,128	1,104,256	964,039	1,169,975
Repairs and Maintenance	312,972	509,094	514,140	221,960	244,809
Advertisement and Promotion	260,949	328,689	189,040	263,019	230,645
Insurance:					
- Foreign Staff	-	-	-	-	-
- Vehicles	17,707	-	-	-	-
Legal and Professional	30,000	50,000	75,000	82,400	55,000
Entertainment	20,809	650	507	-	-
Bank Charges	5,724	3,050	6,140	20,327	19,874
Office Expenses	91,756	25,496	1,679	-	2,028
Total:	11,392,248	12,929,945	13,073,494	13,370,024	14,495,338

(Extracted from Audited Statements of Account)

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& Co., Chartered Accountants  
(Member, Crowe Horwath International)

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## Participation in Event to Mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was celebrated at the Rising Sun Institute of special children on 3rd December, 2017, with the collaboration of the Punjab Welfare Trust for the Disabled in Lahore and some institutes for special persons. The observance of this day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. Many special persons' organisations took part in the event. Roshni Friends also participated in the event and performed a tableau on the theme of "Ehsaas" (Realisation).



Roshni Special Friends performing a tableau, on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, in the Rising Sun Institute, Lahore

## Fund Raising for New Workshop Building

To cater to the ever increasing and desperate demand of parents of special persons, we have decided to expand our workshops. We plan to have a new building to triple our capacity for daycare and boarding students. Towards this end the new workshops' building design has now been finalised by architects. With the completion of this important project we will be able to serve many more students in urgent need of proper care and vocational training. The project will be commencing soon. We are working on the essential fundraising and will need all the help and support we can get from our patrons in Germany. Of course we will also need the support of Pakistani donors. Only with the help of generous donations will we be able to realise this project to serve humanity.



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