

## **Fatima Memorial Hospital** Summer Student Internship Program

Since 1995, Fatima Memorial Hospital has been playing host to students from educational institutions from Lahore and around the world as part of its Student Leadership Program. Every summer, a number of A-Level & Bachelors students from different educational institutions apply and are selected to join the Student Leadership Program at the Fatima Memorial System. This program has been labeled as a Role Model for Internships in Pakistan and its popularity can be assessed by the growing number of applicants who apply for this program both locally and from overseas. In 2008 alone over 400 applicants registered for the program.

Students from these education institutions are given the opportunity to work with disadvantaged students through a Community Outreach program. The internship program is currently assisting 120 students. Rather than explain the program in detail, we have asked our interns to document case studies of these students. Many of the students have financially adopted these disadvantaged students and support their education. Here are reports from five of the case studies.

Your generous support will continue to make this and other programs at Fatima Memorial Hospital possible. Thank you!



## Without You My Future Is Insecure

Muhammad Salahuddin is one of the hundreds of kids getting educated at the ABNI School of Fatima Memorial System at Lakhu-dehr. He's a student of class 5 and aims to become a Computer Engineer. His small house, comprising of just two rooms, accommodates his parents, him, and four elder siblings. His mother often remains ill, and his father is a writer.

The last time he bought a uniform was three years ago. His worn out shoes and ragged tie says it all. He wishes to have a car, a bungalow and a computer for himself. If he is granted with Rs. 1000, he wants to help his father with it. He loves Kachori and Kheer. He loves to watch television, but doesn't have one.

With his first pay, he wants to buy sweets for his parents and a wedding suit for her elder sister. He tries understanding his father's books and is keen to complete his homework everyday. Cricket and football are his favourite sports. No doubt if he acquires good schooling, he'll surely become an IT expert.

Salahuddin and his fellows don't lack the ability to learn, all they lack is money. The Fatima Memorial System is helping children overcome unimaginable hardships. You can make a difference by endowing these children with quality education. Please don't turn your back on these poor souls, and make a contribution!

**Shahroze Shaukat**  
A – Levels  
**Resource Academy**



## A Forgotten Soul

Jawad Ahmed is a student of class 1, studying at the formal school of ABNI of Fatima Memorial hospital in lakhu dehar. He is 8 years old and has four sisters and two brothers. His two sisters are married and two elder sisters stay at home and help his mom with the daily chores. Both of his brothers like him go to school. He lives with his parents and siblings in a big house. His father supplies daily goods to different shops and at leisure time he escorts his father to various places. His mother is a house wife. Though they have a restrained living, yet he is extremely happy with his life style without any complaints from the nature. He seldom wears new clothes on Eid and saves his money to get himself some new clothes. At times of need he gives away his collected money to his mother.

He is ready to perform household tasks for his mother and wishes to become an army officer when he grows up. A year back he studied in New Sir Syed School but due to high cost of the fees his family was unable to afford the expenses and as a result he had to leave the school. He loves studying but is in need of a new school bag. If he becomes an army officer then with his first pay he will enlarge his house by constructing an upper storey. His favorite food is chicken and naan. He also likes to have kheer. If given Rs.500 then he will bring naan kebab for his mother and will give the rest of the money to her. He studies at home too and is an obedient and pleasant child. He has many friends in his class.

Jawad waits for a better education system like the one in New Sir Syed School which his parents were unable to afford. Like every child he dreams of his future. For just Rs.4, 999 he can be provided with the basic necessities of his life like education, proper clothes and a future as an army officer. He struggles to achieve his dream without complaining the hardships of life. Our help will enable him to look at the brighter side of life with a goal to accomplish.

**Zehra Safdar**

A-levels

**Lahore Grammar School**



## Help Give Me a Better Tomorrow

Nida Ghafoor, 6 years old, is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Bushra and Mr. Ghafoor. She lives in a small house in Lakhu Dehar with her parents, four sisters and two brothers. She, along with her siblings, is a student of the ABNI School of the Fatima Memorial System at Lakhu Dehar. Her father works at a car workshop and is the only one providing for his family.

Nida is now in grade 1 and started school when she was 4 years old. She was fortunate that she received donations and is able to study in the ABNI School with her siblings. She enjoys school very much and loves her teachers. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Sumbal. The class she looks forward to most is English and, like most children, the class she dreads is Math! Her happiest moments in school are the time she spends playing with her friends during the lunch break.

Nida spends most of her time doing her homework, playing with her brother and helping her mother around the house. It is her job to clean the dishes for dinner. She loves playing cricket with her eldest brother Manzoor. Her siblings, however, have only one bat and a ball because of which she hardly gets to bat.

Nida just recently celebrated her birthday. She got biscuits and candies as a birthday present. If given money as a birthday present she would use it to buy kites for basant and to buy candies for her siblings. According to her, her most cherished birthday gift would be a doll.

Count the number of dolls your children own, count the number of candies they gobble up everyday. Your children's reality is Nida's dream. A dream which could come true only with your donations...every little bit counts, please donate and give to these children what you give to your own!

**Najia Haque**

A-Levels

**Lahore Grammar School**



## Can You Help Me in Changing My Destiny and the Fate of My Generation?

Sohail Murad, the only son and perhaps the only hope of being the breadwinner of the family in future, is one of the students studying in formal schools of ABNI in Lakhu-Dehar which is a project of Fatima Memorial System's outreach programme. These schools have been playing their part for the past couple of years in those remote areas where PARHA LIKHA PUNJAB HAMARA scheme fails to demonstrate any practical results. His house is just a few minutes walk from the school where he lives together with his parents. He loves his mother more than anything in this world because she has helped him in every aspect of his life, unlike his father, who has been very strict with him. His father doesn't want him to pursue his higher education in college where he will have to pay high fee and wishes his child to run the same general store which he has been running for the past ten years. Sohail, the only heir of his depressed past, is a very hardworking student and doesn't like sitting around and doing nothing. He loves to play cricket but studies are his first priority and being a doctor is partial to him. If ever given a chance to wish something, he will wish for a bicycle and new clothes for his mother.

He looks forward for your donations that may help him carrying out his studies so that he may become a doctor one day.

**Abdullah Farooq**

A-levels

**Crescent Model High School**



## The Audacity of Aspirations

A bright looking little girl caught my eye as I was about to walk out of class Prep of the ABNI school in Lakhu Dhair. In some strange way, she reminded me of myself, as a kid and just then, I knew that I was going to write about her.

So this is my little friend Abeera, who is five years old. She doesn't know her date of birth...but only knows that her birthday is in the winters. Abeera, like many other children in her locality-is one among many siblings. She has a baby brother who she likes to play with and three sisters. Her father is the only breadwinner in the family and has a meagre income.

Abeera is unusually fond of her seemingly dull classroom and small school in the suburbs of Lahore. Her favorite subject is English and she wishes to become a teacher when she grows up and teach children like herself. When asked about her plans after school, she bites her tie adorably and replies that she will go to "shehr"(the city) for higher studies

As I talk to her, I notice that we have similar tastes in food and cartoons, but a sharp contrast in our childhoods. She has probably never even heard of the luxuries that we take for granted. At the same time, I cant help but notice that this child is more than satisfied with the bare minimum she has. Despite a childhood devoid of material things, she smiles her shy, pretty smile. It goes on to prove that the secret of happiness is to find it in the smallest of achievements-like the toffee she gets in exchange for telling me her name!!!!

All Abeera needs is a little help to substantiate her faith in her dream of becoming a teacher. And unless we help her, she will remain, like so many others- just that- a dreamer. By sponsoring her education, you could broaden her perspective, help her explore new horizons- you could give her dream the power of flight...

**Zahra Zaheer Mirza**

A-Levels

**Beacon house School System, Liberty Campus**