

We try to raise \$5000 a month, but making a difference is easier than it sounds:

- A single child's education costs \$2-3/mo
- A school's electricity bill is \$7.00/mo
- A school sweeper earns \$23/mo
- A single-room school operates on \$50/mo
- As of the fall of 2009, we also offer classes and meals to refugees of the armed conflict. Breakfast and class for one child displaced by war costs \$.25 per day

Monthly pledges are especially helpful.

When funds have been available, we have also provided water and sanitation systems; basic health care; and seminars and discussions about the rights of women and children and the prevention of violence. You can help re-start these!

**Donate online at dosti.org, "Give to Dosti."
All donations are tax-deductible.**

Visit the "Shop for Dosti" page of our web site to purchase clothing and accessories from two companies that practice fair trade, and have some of the revenue from your purchase sent to us. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your Kroger Plus Card to help us.

Prefer to help another way? Are you interested in having Dosti present to your class or club? Are you part of an organization that can help Dosti deliver services? Contact Jessica Weinberg, Dosti Public Relations and Outreach Coordinator, for more.

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*High quality
education...permeated
with human values*

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide high-quality education, permeated with human values, to people who, because of economic depression and political oppression, have no other means of becoming educated—without discriminating based on social, religious, or racial background.

Established 1994 and designated as a 501 (c) (3) organization, the Dosti Foundation establishes schools for children, as well as skill development centers for young women, in economically and politically oppressed areas in developing countries. Focusing especially on the Great City of Peshawar in northwestern Pakistan, which is the birthplace of our founders, Dosti has also occasionally operated in Chitral, Pakistan, and in Republic of Congo in Africa.

Dosti strives to eliminate child labor, bondage, and abuse by breaking cycles of family poverty. We believe all children deserve a nurturing environment with clean air and water; nutrition that facilitates normal physical growth; and educational opportunities that allow them to reach their potential and become productive citizens.

About Our Chair and Co-Founder

Dr. Munir Ahmad was born to a poor family in Peshawar, Pakistan, but his mother pushed him to become educated. After graduating from medical school, he came in 1971 to the United States, where he completed his residency. Soon after, he started contributing money to other young Pakistanis' education, and he started Dosti in 1994. He currently oversees the Reynolds Clinic, a Toledo, Ohio clinic that serves Medicare, Medicaid, and private-pay patients.

Children working, begging, or digging through garbage is a common sight in developing countries. The six-year-old shown below sanding a chair earns about \$5.00 for a 50-hour work week.



This eight-year-old (below) spends his day scavenging for bits of metal, plastic, paper, or glass that he can sell at the end of the day for a few pennies.



Because the curriculum of Dosti schools conforms to local governments' regulations, a graduate of one of our schools can easily be admitted to other schools or colleges.



Above and below: Class in session at Dosti schools.

