



# Green Crescent Trust

*Educating children in marginalized & difficult areas of Sindh since 1995*

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- More than 690 trained teachers employed
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## CEO Green Crescent Trust's Message

*"I was pleased to meet GCT Alumni who are currently pursuing higher education"*



This year while attending one of the annual functions of GCT school in Mehrabpur, District Nausheroferoz, I was pleased to meet GCT Alumni who are currently pursuing higher education. Among them, one has completed MBBS and now is doing her house job, one is continuing with his MBBS education, one boy is doing MBA from Bahria University, Karachi and around 20 girls who have joined our schools as teachers benefiting numerous students.

These successes and many others are all due to your support and I would like to extend my deep gratitude to all our donors for enabling us to achieve this feat.

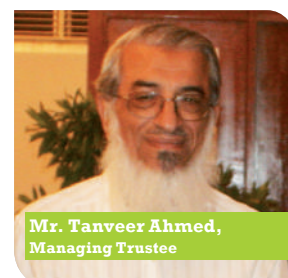
In the year 2013-14, we continued to grow our network of schools to enroll more children in marginalized areas of Sindh and we plan to follow the same path in the year 2014-15. I look forward for your generous and continued support this year as well to provide education to more children.

## Message from GCT's Board

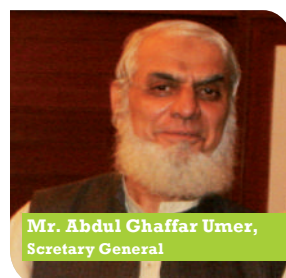
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Mr. Saeed Ismail,  
Chairman



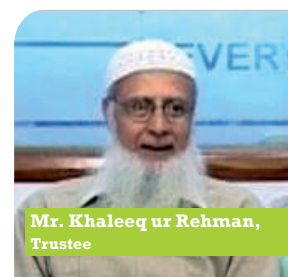
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Managing Trustee



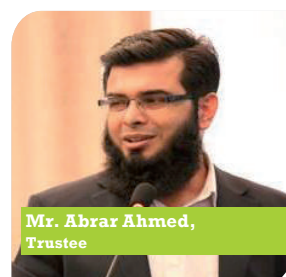
Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Umer,  
Secretary General



Mr. Shameem Pasha,  
Trustee



Mr. Khaleeq ur Rehman,  
Trustee



Mr. Abrar Ahmed,  
Trustee

Every year you touch many lives through your support. Providing education to thousands of children every year is the noblest of all work you do. Education forms the very essence of all our actions. What we do in our lives is what we know and have learned. The im-

portance of education in society is indispensable and cohering. Education is empowering these children to look after themselves in any given situation and its helping them to understand themselves better to realize their potential, qualities and purpose of life

as a human being. We believe education is the only way forward towards success both in this world and in the hereafter. And we can achieve that through each other's support. Tak a step and let's work together for an educated and prosperous Pakistan.

# Ihsan Trust, a charitable offshoot of Meezan Bank, signs an MoU with Green Crescent Trust

**Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, trustee Ihsan Trust & EVP Meezan Bank, speaking on the occasion said, "The program is structured keeping in view the lack of scholarship opportunities available to children who would like to pursue intermediate education that's indeed an important stepping stone towards graduate programs."**

Ihsan Trust has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Green Crescent Trust (GCT) to provide funds for scholarship of 100 deserving GCT alumni who plan to or are pursuing intermediate education.

Under the MoU Ihsan Trust will provide funding of Rs. 1.7 million covering expenses for two years of intermediate education.

Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, trustee Ihsan Trust & Executive Vice President Meezan Bank, speaking on the occasion said, "The program is structured keeping in view the lack of scholarship opportunities available to children who would like to pursue intermediate education that's indeed an important stepping stone towards graduate programs."

Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO Green Crescent Trust, speaking on the occasion said, "The scholarship would provide a crucial support to deserving students in their academic pursuit."

Ihsan Trust (a charitable wing of Meezan Bank) is a nonprofit registered as a Trust in Jan 2010 with an aim to provide financial assistance to deserving individuals and organizations. The trust extends its financial assistance through various well-structured programs.

Green Crescent Trust is a registered nonprofit providing education in marginalized areas of Sindh since 1995. Currently, GCT is operating 95 schools where more than 14,500 children are provided education.



Standing from left to right: Mr. Fayyaz ur Rehman, VP Meezan Bank, Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, EVP Meezan Bank, Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO Green Crescent Trust, Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Umer, Secretary General Green Crescent Trust and Mr. Ahmed Mansoor, Manager Public Relations Green Crescent Trust.



## Teachers training

For schools in flood affected areas.



For teachers, knowing how to connect with all students regardless of their aptitude level is critical to ensuring that the knowledge is effectively disseminated to each student, on each level. Ongoing teacher training can be a vital tool in ensuring their success.

A weeklong teachers training session was conducted for teachers from GCT schools in flood-affected areas of Sindh. The session was organized in collaboration with HHRD Pakistan. At the closing ceremony, participants shared their views and appreciated the efforts of GCT team for their valuable contributions during the ses-



sion. Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO GCT, urged the participants to impart knowledge gained during the session to students with the same zeal and fervor. He handed over certification to participants in the end.

## Chairman HHRD USA visits Green Crescent Trust

We were honored by the gracious presence of Dr. Talat Sultan, Chairman Helping Hand for Relief & Development (HHRD), USA on Saturday, Nov 23rd, 2013.



HHRD is a global humanitarian relief and development organization responding to human sufferings in emergency and disastrous situations anywhere in the world. In addition HHRD also works on long term relief and development programs like livelihood, education, economic empowerment, orphan & widows support program.

Green Crescent Trust is working as an implementing partner for HHRD in some of the HHRD sponsored projects in Sindh, Pakistan that includes 6 schools in flood affected areas and recently organized teachers training program for teachers of flood affected areas schools.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Talat appreciated the efforts of GCT in successful implementation of projects. He also highlighted the importance of teachers and their role in building up societies. He shared his views about: purpose of life, characteristics of an Islamic school & role and responsibility of school principals.

Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO Green Crescent Trust also spoke on the occasion and encouraged teachers to actively participate in their communities for the betterment. He encouraged them to make the most of meager resources available to them and strive for improvements in their communities.

In the end Dr. Talat gave certificates to teachers who participated in the training program.



## Educator Development Program: Certificate Distribution Ceremony

Centre for Educational Research & Development (CERD), a training off-shoot of Green Crescent Trust, conducts and manages Educator's Development Program (EDP).

A combine Certificate Distribution Ceremony for EDP's 19th, 20th & 21st batches was

held at Rangoonwala Hall recently.

Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO Green Crescent Trust, speaking on the occasion highlighted the importance of female education for proper upbringing of children and urged them to make the most of their education and skills.



Mr. Azeem Siddiqui  
Program Director



Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO GCT  
Speaking to participants

## Annual Functions at GCT Schools

At the end of academic session annual functions were held at various GCT schools. Annual Function is the time of the year when high achievers in GCT schools are rewarded and recognized for their efforts. Also students perform various stage shows displaying their talent and capabilities.

Your generous and continued contribution has enabled them to achieve this feat. For appreciation of children's hard work and talent, GCT's board members, GCT's CEO and other respected guests attended the events.



Dadu: Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Umer,  
Secretary General GCT giving prize.



Mehrabpur: Mr. Khalid Saeed,  
Supporter of GCT addressing students.



Haroonabad, SITE Karachi:  
Students giving stage performance



Umer Goth, Bin Qasim Karachi:  
Students & parents at annual function.

## GCT inaugurates a School at Memon Goth, Karachi



From left to right: Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Umer, Secretary General GCT, Mr. Younus Barai, Mr. Abdul Hakeem Baloch, Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO GCT, Mr. Saleem Umer Trustee GCT and Mr. Asif Siddiqi, Director Schools GCT at the inauguration ceremony of Hilal Public School, Memon Goth.

Memon Goth is one of the neighborhoods of Gadap Town in Karachi. It is one of the oldest and the largest villages of Gadap Town. The estimated population of Memon Goth in 2012 was 650,450. It is populated over a vast area where people belonging to many castes are living which includes mostly Memons.

Recently GCT inaugurated one of its schools in Memon Goth for the less privileged children of the locality. The opening of Hilal Public School, Memon Goth would help the local community in educating their children for a prosperous and

brighter future. At the inaugural ceremony, Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO Green Crescent Trust highlighted the importance of education and urged the local community to get maximum benefit from this opportunity.



## GCT Arranges Annual Gala for Orphans under Orphan Support Program



were given plaques in recognition to their services and hygienic kits were distributed among the children. Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO Green Crescent Trust, speaking on the occasion appreciated the efforts of volunteer teachers for their selfless dedication and encourage them to keep working for the good cause.

GCT in collaboration with ICNA Relief Canada is undertaking complete support of orphans in GCT schools. The Program covers 1) educational 2) ethical & moral 3) health and 4) sustenance needs of orphans. An Annual Gala was held for children under the Program where: children enjoyed various rides and games, volunteer teachers





## 4 GCT Schools providing Education to more than 1200 children in Tharparkar.



With your support we started with one school in Mithi, District Tharparkar in March, 1999 and now with your generous and continued support we have four schools: Mithi, Chahchroh, Islamkot and Diplo, where 44 teachers are providing education with dedication and hard work to



more than 1200 children. We are planning to establish more schools in Tharparkar as we believe the sustainable solution to their problems is to empower people through education. And we are already seeing the impact of our humble efforts. Now our children are pursuing higher education and becoming advocates of education in their villages. This is all due to your support that enabled GCT to achieve this feat.

# Tharparkar

In many villages' people resorted to drinking saline water due to which hundreds of children, men and women face abdominal problems, while the colour of their teeth also becomes yellow from long use of this water. In the last seven years, GCT with donors' generous support has installed 44 Water Projects in 32 water-starved villages.



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Tharparkar desert in Sindh is the largest desert of Pakistan and the eighteenth largest in the world with an area of 22,000 square kilometers. The population of Tharparkar is 1.5 million.

There are about 2,400 villages in district Tharparkar, where production of crops depends on rains during summer. Rains fall from mid-June to mid-August each year. For the last ten years, there has been drought conditions in Tharparkar due to which 50 percent of the overall population migrated to barrage areas to find food, because during droughts it becomes hard for them to even find water to drink, leave

alone for growing crops.

The literacy rate is low and most people who move during droughts to barrage areas find any labour they can. In this way the education of their children is neglected and because of lack of money most children are pulled out of school after a few years anyway.

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Recently, GCT conducted a survey to assess the impact and effectiveness of GCT water projects in the midst of recent drought in Tharparkar. We are pleased to share that GCT water projects are providing the necessity of life (water) to more than 15,000 people of drought stricken Thar and protecting them from the drought situation. Out of the total water projects only 3 projects due to technical faults (will be repaired shortly) are non-operational, otherwise, rest of the projects

are working properly.

The GCT water projects are also playing an important role in various development projects in these villages.

In village Ghakharch, Tehsil Diplo – the water besides being used for the construction of a mosque, is also being transferred to a nearby village through underground pipes and benefiting hundreds of more villagers.

GCT water project in Bhako Village is benefiting more than 600 people, before the installation the villagers, especially women, used to fetch water from far flung areas – walking miles under extreme heat of Thar Desert.

Same was the story of villagers of Charyal Goth in Tehsil Diplo – more than 800 people are benefiting through GCT water project in the village.

Two years ago, a GCT team installed a water project in one of the Jamah Masjid of Mithi city that is benefitting numerous people. Before the installation, the Masjid's management used to buy water for Rs. 15,000/- per month.

These and other stories are only due to GCT's donors' support, trust and dedicated efforts of GCT staff to bring positive change in lives of thousands of people of Tharparkar.



Mr. Saleem Umer, Trustee GCT inaugurating Water Project Site



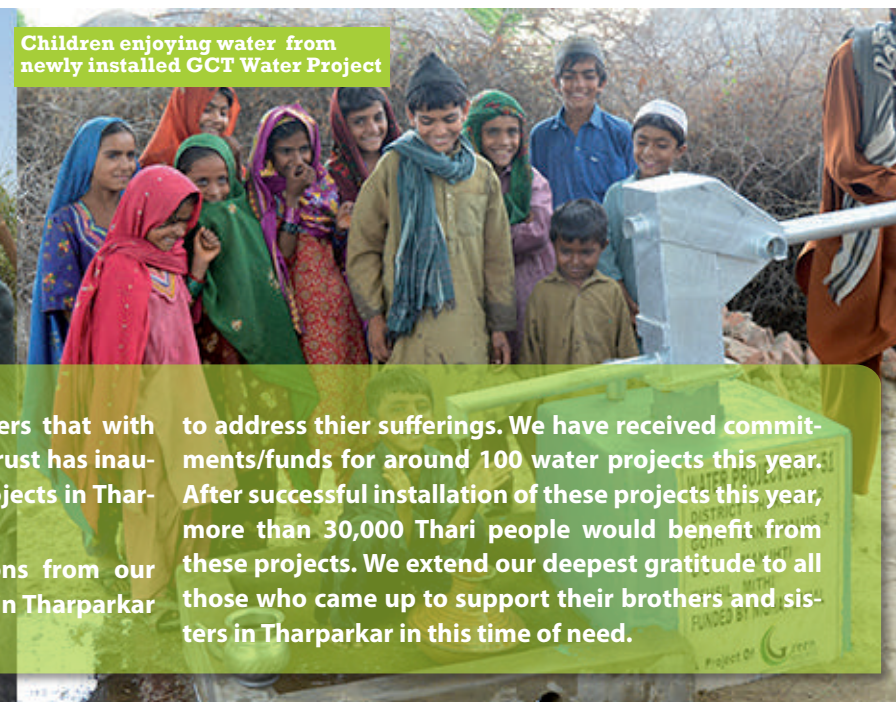
**100 more water projects are being installed by GCT in 2014 that will benefit more than 30,000 Thari people.**

Work in full swing at one of the GCT Water Project Sites



We are pleased to share with our readers that with your generous support Green Crescent Trust has inaugurated in April, 2014 work on water projects in Tharparkar for this year. We received overwhelming contributions from our donors for installation of water projects in Tharparkar

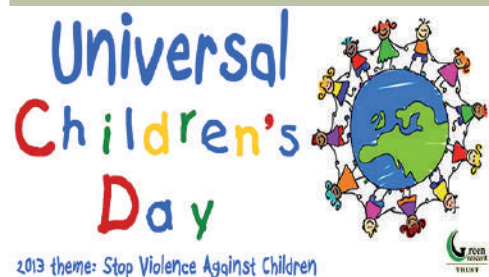
Children enjoying water from newly installed GCT Water Project



to address their sufferings. We have received commitments/funds for around 100 water projects this year. After successful installation of these projects this year, more than 30,000 Thari people would benefit from these projects. We extend our deepest gratitude to all those who came up to support their brothers and sisters in Tharparkar in this time of need.



## GCT Schools Celebrate Universal Children's Day



Universal Children's Day takes place annually on November 20. First proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1954, it was established to encourage all countries to institute a day, firstly to promote mutual exchange and understanding among children and secondly to initiate action to benefit and promote the welfare of the world's children.

This year theme for Universal Children's Day was to "Stop Violence Against Children."

In one of our schools in Korangi the



students visited their community under supervision of their teacher, Mr. Kashif and met children who were not going to any school. They gave gifts to out of school children and encouraged them to attend school. With their efforts one child came to the school next day.

## English Biscuit Manufacturers donates for Education



At the onset of Eid festivities, EBM donated in-kind donation worth more than Rs. 2.4 millions to Green Crescent Trust under their nutritional program for school children. EBM's generous support brought priceless smiles to faces of more than 8200 children all across Sindh.

To timely distribute the donation to far flung areas of Sindh within Green Crescent Trust's schools network was a major challenge. In this regard TCS, Pakistan's premier courier and logistics company, provided logistics support to Green Crescent Trust in reaching out GCT schools from Karachi to Kashmore all across Sindh. TCS, as a socially conscious company, distributed the donation under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. We are thankful to TCS for their generous support.

Last but not the least, we are thankful to Indus Pharma in extending their support in coordination of distribution operation.



**GCT Impact:** Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO GCT with GCT Alumni from Mehrabpur, District Nausheroferoz. Standing from left to right: Dr. Aisha (done MBBS, now completing housejob), Mr. Ali Malik (doing MBA from Bahria University, Karachi) and Mr. Umair (doing MBBS).

## GCT & UBL Omni Collaborate for Education

*Now Rubina, a teacher in one of the GCT schools in Korangi can withdraw her salary from the nearby "UBL Omni Dukaan" with ease of mind and focus more on education of children.*

GCT & United Bank Limited (UBL) inked an agreement to provide UBL Omni – a branchless banking solution to GCT network schools all across Sindh. The solution will facilitate GCT in disbursement of teachers' salary to more than 700 teachers, schools expenditure and collections of funds in 15 districts of Sindh. GCT's partnership with UBL will further drive this nonprofit educational initiative through

UBL Omni – a branchless banking, which brings a host of banking services to nearest "Dukaan" to GCT schools and eases burden of carrying cash to long distances or visiting a nearby bank branch.

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**Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO Green Crescent Trust exchanging agreement with Mr. Abrar Mir, EVP & Group Head Branchless Banking UBL. Standing from left to right: Mr. Ahmed Mansoor, Manager Public Relations Green Crescent Trust (GCT), Mr. Kashif Anis, Board Member GCT, Mr. Zahid Saeed, CEO GCT, Mr. Abrar Mir, EVP & Group Head Branchless Banking UBL, Mr. Muhammad Haroon, VP UBL, Mr. Taimoor Jamal & Omair Imtiaz from UBL.**



**GCT Students visited PAF Museum Karachi on an educational trip.**



**GCT Students visited Quaid's Mausoleum on Quaid-e-Azam's Day.**



## 6th CSR Summit & Awards at Marriott Hotel Karachi



6th CSR Summit & Awards was held on February 20th, 2014 at Marriott Hotel, Karachi. The event was organized by NFEH to provide an innovative platform of interaction and networking, while creating awareness about CSR among the conference delegates. The experts and CEOs of various leading organizations attended the event and discussed the emerging concepts and issues relating to CSR in Pakistan and provided remedies based on practical approaches and implementation techniques. Green Crescent Trust was the official supporter of the event.



## GCT Students Secure 3rd Position in Arfa Karim Science & Art Exhibition



We are pleased to share with you that GCT students (Kiran Dawood, Mehrun Nisa and Zulfiqar of class 9) from one of our schools in Korangi Industrial Area, Karachi participated in Arfa Karim Science and Art Exhibition and secured 3rd position in Art Competition.

This is indeed a great achievement on part of the students and credit goes to our donors for their continuous generous donation, enabling GCT to provide opportunity to more than 14,500 deserving children in marginalized areas of Sindh to explore possibilities of achieving greatness through

their talent and become productive citizen of the society – for better and prosperous Pakistan. Your choices are making difference in lives of many for the better.

In the honor of World's youngest Microsoft expert Arfa Kareem (late), a science and technology exhibition was held at Maritime Museum. Hundreds of students from more than 100 schools participated in various science and

art competitions. The event focus was to help students from Karachi unleash their talent and creativity in the field of science, arts and technology. And to be a catalyst for students to inculcate a sense of motivation and achievement in their learning age. More than hundreds of private and Govt. schools from Karachi participated in the event through their projects based on different themes related to science and arts. Moreover, students also participated in other competitions of qirat, naat, quiz and painting.

## Students Week Celebrated in Green Crescent Trust Schools

In GCT schools co-curricular activities play an important role in children upbringing. It complements academic curriculum and help in personality development of children. Recently, a "Student Week" was celebrated in GCT's network of schools. Various sporting events, model making, science

projects, art & crafts and chart exhibitions were held during the event. Students from all age group enthusiastically participated in activities and gained recognition for their talent in application of academic concepts learned during classes and showing team spirit in various sporting events.



## An Opportunity to Invest for Maximum Social Return: How?

### You can build schools



#### Khoski, District Badin\*

Plot size: 1200 sq yds

Beneficiaries: 2000+ in two shifts



#### Mirpurkhas, Dist Mrks\*

Plot size: 645 sq yds

Beneficiaries: 1100+ in two shifts



#### Rehri Goth, Ibrahim Hy-dery Karachi\*

Plot size: 1400 sq yds

Beneficiaries: 2000+ in two shifts



#### Sohrab Khan Goth, Northern Bypass, Karachi\*

Plot size: 1200 sq yds

Beneficiaries: 1100+ in two shifts

The above schools we plan to build on plots that were donated to us by the community. We urge you to please come forward and enable us to build schools for out of school children of the communities.

\*The above are conceptual drawings, the actual may differ after receiving firm commitment and engagement of architect.

### You can establish schools in rented premises



We plan to establish schools in the following locations in rented premises. You can provide education to many out of school children in establishing schools in these areas. Take an action and contact us for details. Contact details are at the bottom of the page.

1. Mehrabpur W 12, District Nausheroferoz
2. Mehrabpur W 7, District Nausheroferoz

3. Mehrabpur W 13, District Nausheroferoz
4. Halani, District Nausheroferoz
5. Kandiaro, District Nausheroferoz
6. Tando Mir Ali, District Nausheroferoz
7. Mehar, District Dadu
8. K.N. Shah, District Dadu
9. Sanghar, District Sanghar
10. Eidgah, New Karachi, Karachi

### You can provide vehicles for teachers training



tion and donate for this noble cause. Branding opportunity is available for corporates who would like to donate. For details

We are in immediate need for 3 Suzuki Bolan at our Head Office in Karachi to commute teachers and trainers for teachers-training workshops and administrative purposes. We urge you to please take an action

and queries relating to this and above projects, please contact:

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# You can Sponsor Children's Education

## Educate a Child

For a month	Rs. 833
For a year	Rs. 10,000
For 12 years (KG to Matric)	Rs. 120,000

## How to donate?

### 1. Through Cheaque or Payorder

Please make a crossed cheque or payorder favoring "**Green Crescent Trust**" and mail to Manager Public Relations, Green Crescent Trust and please provide the following details along with the cheque: a) name b) address c) cell no. d) email address e) please mention whether zakat or donation.

### 2. Through Online

You can securely donate online by visiting our website **www.gct.org.pk** through your credit or online enabled debit card bearing the following logos:



### 2. Through Direct Bank Deposit

You can deposit your donation & zakat in the following bank accounts of Green Crescent Trust and after deposit please send following details to Manager Public Relations, Green Crescent Trust a) name b) address c) cell no. d) email address e) please mention whether zakat or donation f) name of the bank where deposited and g) date of deposit:

Bank:	MCB Bank	Meezan Bank	UBL	Bank Al Baraka
For donation or zakat:	Donation	Donation	Donation	Zakat
Account Title:	Green Crescent Trust	Green Crescent Trust	Green Crescent Trust	Green Crescent Trust
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\* For transfer of funds from abroad.

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