Endowment for Higher Education in Asia

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Dear Friends,

We were delighted with the attendance at the Partnering for Women's Futures in Asia Dinner on April 21 and hope that everyone enjoyed the cuisine, the company and the remarks by our guest speaker Ambassador Nancy Powell. The excellent turnout in support of the Endowment for Higher Education in Asia helped to make our third fundraising effort a success. Besides the show of moral support for this Asia initiative, we received donations that enable us to add approximately \$13,000 to the endowment. We are very grateful for your donation. Thank you.

Scholarships funded by the endowment have two hallmarks: they are designated for women and are designed to be interfaith. In Pakistan the funds are equally distributed to Christian and Muslim women in need. With the growth of the endowment, we will be able to provide additional scholarships. This year we provided eleven women students (six Christians and five Muslims) with Bradley Hills Scholarships at Forman Christian College (FCC) in Lahore, Pakistan. These Bradley Hills scholarships make it possible for them to stay in school.

We were delighted to hear news from two of the women we have sponsored this year. Mahrukh Khan, a Muslim computer science major, writes, "FCC is a place that accommodates people from all backgrounds and religions. This exposure and diversity allows us to become better and more tolerant versions of ourselves... I was unable to meet my fee expenses on my father's meagre income. This is where FCC provided me a ray of hope. Its financial aid program allowed me to continue with my studies without fear of expenses. I really appreciate this system as it provides students from all kinds of background an opportunity to study and excel in their fields...I am grateful for FCC and all its donors who made it possible for me to study here."

Monica Yousaf, a Christian student who hopes to become a biologist, writes: "FCC came to my support and granted me financial aid which has allowed me to continue studying. FCC has given me a chance to fulfil my dreams and it has provided me with a platform where I can uplift myself and become successful in the future...It has made my dream come true."

We again thank you and invite you to visit our new website: https://www.asiaendowment.org/ where we will continue to post updates.

Sincerely yours,

Cathie Lutter Secretary, Asia Endowment Committee