LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF KONPAL ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM (KASP) A PROJECT OF KONPAL, CAPS

Konpal Academic Support Program (KASP) is a new innovative project of Konpal, Child Abuse Prevention Society (Konpal, CAPS). It aims towards empowering children and their family in achieving their academic goal, in Pakistan educational neglect is one of the most common types of neglect. The primary & secondary school enrolment in Pakistan is only 72% and 46% respectively. The dropout rate from school is also very high, nearly 25% children dropout from school, in primary classes and still more in secondary classes. Only 28% are retained till Matric. One reason for such high dropout rate is the financial difficulties faced by parents or guardians.

KASP is an earnest endeavor of Konpal members to provide educational support to children belonging to poor or low middle class family who are finding it difficult to meet the end because of rising inflation and there is fear of their children being drop out from the school.

In this regard the first meeting of KASP core committee members (nominated during General Body Meeting of Konpal) was held on 15th September 2018. During the KASP meeting forms for educational scholarship was reviewed and out of 12 forms, 11 were approved for one year scholarship. These 11 students are children of Cook, Nurse Aid, House Maid, Labour, Gardener etc.

Dr. Seema Zia coordinator also explained the objective and methodology that will be followed during disbursement of the Scholarship fee. During the meeting the members raised a sum of Rs. 2, 0800/ that will cover the financial need for one year w.e.f 1st October, 2018.

The members of KASP and Konpal further discussed the idea for fund raising to sustain the project and to enroll more children in the program. Interview with the parents will be held on 23rd September, 2018.

SPONSOR A CHILD'S SCHOOL EDUCATION:

School Fee: Rs. 10	000 – 3000/months	-	Rs. 12,000/year to Rs. 36,000/year
Stationary Fees:	Rs. 5000/year		
Uniform Fees:	Rs. 5000/year		
Transport Fees:	Rs. 12,000/year		
Capacity Building Workshop for Parents:		Rs. 50	00/=
Capacity Building Workshop for Student:		Rs. 50	00/=
Total Cost per Child: Approxim		oximate	ely Rs. 50,000/year