

## **REPORT OF PANAH SHELTER HOME FOR THE YEAR 2008**

In October 2007 The Panah Trust and CDGK entered into an Agreement under which the building of Darul Aman was to be handed over to Panah. The premises were in a very bad state and needed considerable renovation. The place was infested with termites and we had to practically rebuild the entire premises to make it habitable.

The work was contracted and repair work started in May 2008 and the trustees took personal interest in getting a quality building in record time. This has cost the Trust a huge amount of money and a great financial strain on the resources. Active and hectic efforts were made by the trustees in raising funds. Personal donations were also made by the trustees to complete the project.

While the activity of construction and raising funds was going on .the admission and discharge of the residents continued as usual which was a great strain on the staff and Management of Panah. There was also pressure from Ida Rieu to vacate the premises by August 2008. The work pace was increased by changing the contractor and it was decided to vacate the premises by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. The work at the new premises of Darul Aman continued round the clock for Panah Shelter Home to be re-located on February 01, 2009.

The number of women and children who came to Panah shelter and those who left is given below:

S.No.	MONTH	NO. OF ADMISSION		NO. OF DISCHARGE
		Women	Children	
1.	JANUARY	12	04	12
2.	FEBRUARY	07	-	10
3.	MARCH	16	-	08
4.	APRIL	08	01	07
5.	MAY	18	06	11
6.	JUNE	17	08	08
7.	JULY	12	03	11
8.	AUGUST	07	07	08
9.	SEPTEMBER	04	-	06
10.	OCTOBER	06	03	09
11.	NOVEMBER	07	01	01
12.	DECEMBER	07	-	08
<b>Total No.</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>99</b>

During all this period the regular services like legal advice and court cases, counseling, medical treatment, psychological counseling, art education & Islamic education were provided.

Panjwani Hospital continued providing free medical services. All the Trustees provided help legal and otherwise to the residents.

In this period the Managing Trustee also arranged 2 picnics and visit to exhibition of jewellery in PC by an Indian Expert for the residents. On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008, Universal Women's Day, Panah's residents participated in the long march where they were provided lunch and Sindhi Ajrakhs. There were two exhibitions of artwork by Panah residents in Defence and Clifton.

Donors continue to assist Panah with cash and kind, without which it would have been impossible to function. Some of our major donors are listed below but we are grateful to all those who have contributed in cash and kind.

<b>Major Donation received in Cash</b>	<b>Major Donation received In Services</b>
Trustees	Trustees
Funds for Global Human Rights	Soya Supreme (Cooking Oil)
Basildon Women Aid	Edhi (Meat)
Mr. Raza Hameed	Al-Mehrab Tibbi Imdad
Amnesty International USA	Zainab Panjwani Hospital
Kay Chemicals	Nestle (Milk Noodles & Water)
Pakistan Human Development Fund (UK)	Trakker (Pvt) Ltd
Arif Habib Investments	Dawlance Industries
Adamjee Foundation	Diamond Foam Industries
Ismail Industries Ltd.	Pak Carpets (Pvt) Ltd
Getz Pharma	ICI Paints
Angle Peak Pvt Ltd	Members of Managing Committee

The total amount of cash received in 2008 is **Rs. 33,083,85/-**

Panah Shelter Home also provided support to a girl who became an invalid after sustaining bullet wounds from her estranged husband. Full medical assistance and special nursing care was provided to her.

A 13 year old girl who worked as a domestic servant was accused of theft and sent to jail. After being released on bail, with the help of Legal Aid Center, she was sent to Panah and eventually was successfully united with her parents with the support of CPLC.

Shelter Manager of Panah attended a seminar in Germany where Panah was introduced to the international world. It was a very good opportunity of attracting donors. The craft work by Panah residents was also displayed and sold there.

In December 2008 Ahung, an NGO, which works towards enhancing the scope and improving the quality of services and rights of women, conducted sensitization sessions with the resident of Panah on related topics.

Help is also taken from institutions like Pakistan Mental Health Association who provide free counseling and psychiatric service to the residents of Panah.

The number of women seeking shelter keeps increasing and besides giving them shelter and other services, we hope to provide them with skills training like cooking, stitching, embroidery, computer training etc. so that they may become economically independent and thus have better self-esteem to be able to lead a normal life after they leave the shelter.

All this would not be possible without the help and support from all the international and local donors, which are from multi nationals, different organizations, institutions big or small and the individual who donate and also work selflessly and untiringly to make our mission possible.