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**“ A book is a gift you can open again and again ”**

- Garrison Keillor

## OUR FUNDING NEEDS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Our annual needs to meet operational costs for the Mobile Library and the Reading Room are Four Million Rupees or 40,000 Dollars.

We need support to build endowment.

**US \$ 4** **SUPPORT ONE CHILD**  
**400 Rupees** **FOR WHOLE YEAR**



## HOW TO DONATE IN THE USA

Give2Asia is a Tax-exempt charitable organization in the United States (ID # 94-3373670). Give2Asia has established a Bright Star Fund for Bright Star Mobile Library. All donations to Bright Star Mobile Library channeled through Give2Asia are tax-deductible. Give2Asia will issue a thank you letter and receipt recognizing the donations to Bright Star. This letter may be used for tax reporting purposes.

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## IN PAKISTAN

### For direct deposit:

Account #: 01-1793675-01  
Account Title: Bright Star Mobile Library  
Bank: Standard Chartered Bank  
Swift Code: SCBLPKXX  
Bank Address: Diplomatic Enclave Branch, G-5, Islamabad

### Mail cheque to:

Bright Star Mobile Library  
House # 2, Murtaza Street, Bani Gala, Islamabad, 45500 - Pakistan

### IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT BRIGHT STAR MOBILE LIBRARY

- Bright Star is registered under Pakistan's Trust Act. Registration Number 12631.
- Bright Star has been evaluated and certified by the highly regarded Pakistan Center for Philanthropy.
- Bright Star has Pakistan Federal Board of Revenue's approval to operate as a non-profit organization.
- Our accounts are audited annually by external auditors.



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## THE STORY OF

## BRIGHT STAR



## Mobile Library



**“ If you want your children to be intelligent,  
read them fairy tales.  
If you want them to be more intelligent, read  
them more fairy tales. ”**

- Albert Einstein

## OUR STORY



“ I was speaking to a group of young boys – all students between 8 to 15 years in age, belonging to underprivileged households in rural outskirts of Islamabad. This conversation revealed that they had no access to books and little desire to read. It also showed their poor awareness of the world and a narrow outlook.

Together, with like-minded friends, we asked ourselves, what we could do to bring about a change in their lives. And that's how the idea for Bright Star Mobile Library was born. ”

- Saeed Malik



Bright Star Mobile Library was founded in 2009 and commenced its operations in 2011. Today, Bright Star serves over 5,000 children at 20 government schools in the rural surroundings of Islamabad.

## MISSION

“To foster peace and tolerance in Pakistan through developing a lifelong love of reading from childhood”

## OUR STRATEGY

A child's first six years at school, from preschool to 5th grade, are very important years of their lives. Our goal is to broaden their mental horizons, during these formative years, through books that engage them and attract



them to reading. We offer story-telling, guided book reading, and self-directed reading to help children develop love for reading and inquisitive minds. We show our children how people of diverse

racess, cultures, and beliefs can peacefully co-exist and convey to them the importance of compassion and tolerance. We also impart soft messages to enhance their social skills such as how to handle and care for books and the importance of cleanliness for self and environment.



## PLANS

We are creating a reading room to offer all young readers of the area a safe, quiet, and clean place where they can continue to enjoy books and reading. This will provide access to good books to the young students of schools, madrasa and of informal education interested in reading during holidays and after school hours.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

The four years of Bright Star Mobile Library have brought about a remarkable change for the better in the young students that it is reaching

- Children of marginalized households now have access to fascinating books in Urdu and English. These books have been carefully selected to spark their interest, capture their imagination and cultivate a love of reading and learning. This gives them an opportunity they never had.
- “The vocabulary and awareness of young students has increased.” - Teacher
- “Teachers have found remarkable improvement in the school grades and attendance levels of young students.” - Principal
- The library time that was perceived as an unnecessary luxury is now acknowledge as an integral part of the learning process. - Teachers
- Better social skills in young students are bringing about a change for the better in their homes. - Parents



5 Mobile  
LIBRARIES



20  
SCHOOLS



5,000  
STUDENTS

READING ROOM

5,000 READERS