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Dear fellow Kemkolians;

Assalam-u-Alaikum. I want to wish you a very happy Ramadan on behalf of the scholarship committee.

We are in the 8th year of the KEMCAANA Scholarship Program. This year we will be giving 32 scholarships in the amount of 1500 Rs. per month. The contributions are invested with Smith Barney and the scholarship is being paid from the income and appreciation. The investment committee of KEMCAANA Executive counsel oversees the investments. Our present goal is to increase the number of scholarships to 50 per year and increase the monthly amount to 3000 Rs. per month to help the students cope with increased expenses due to inflation.

The scholarships are awarded by a selection committee consisting of professors at KEMU and are based on the student's academic achievement and financial needs. I have interviewed many of the scholarship recipients over the past 6 years and have come across several heartfelt stories. One of the students recently told me that his sister had scored very high marks in the intermediate board exam but that the family finances were already stretched to the limit to put him through KEMU. Because of this, the family had decided to hold the sister back from joining medical school. KEMCAANA Scholarship came in handy and enabled the family to have his sister pursue her goals for higher education. There are many similar situations that still exist in Pakistan.

Many of us have paid \$40,000.00 per year for our children's college education in the US. For medical school and other professional schools, we have been paying on the average of \$50,000.00 per year (the rest of us will pay later in higher amounts). You have an opportunity to pay for educating many students at KE by contributing \$10,000.00, which may be paid in increments over a five year period and which will continue to support medical student education on a perpetual basis. Your donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.

By paying during Ramadan you can multiply your reward 70 times. Most of us on the scholarship committee have been paying yearly and continue to do so. I want to request all of you to open up your hearts and wallets. A pledge form with a self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Please donate generously to this worthy cause. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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