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I AM MEHROZ!

I am a 15 year old girl born and raised in the patriarchal society of Lyari where I had to work much harder to reach my dreams than the boys.

I completed my primary education from Arts and Science Academy and shifted to Dawood Public school to Pursue my O'levels. The change of school wasn't easy at all. The change was very challenging for me.



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I am the first person in my family who is getting a chance to study at an O'level school. My entire family was proud of me and my grades at school as well my participation in all curricular activities. My father is a school teacher and my mother was the most supportive mother I have ever come across.

In a society like ours where I see the men overpowering the women, I always saw my father kind and soft towards everyone. He is an exception. He loved my mother a lot. Placing me in the Kiran Ibtedai School was the best thing that happened to my family. It was our turning point as a family. From there on we changed forever.



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But a major calamity happened in our lives as a family.

In 2013 I lost my mother in a very sudden and shocking incident. Fake health services took her life.

That year was the most terrifying and excruciating time of my life. Being a 9 year old child the whole incident was inconceivable to me. It's in that year that I

truly realised the value of loving people in our lives. However I have a strong faith on 'everything happens for a reason' and something better for my family has been prepared by Allah (SWT) as well as a much peaceful place for my mother.



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That period was the hardest time for my dad but he stood like a pillar as a confident, responsible and stable single parent. I feel proud to be called his daughter. He is my hero and I admire him like anything. He went through a tough ordeal but still he tried to keep us all together, all seven of us! My youngest brother being only two at that time. He never let us feel insecure gave us enough love that we never felt deprived. He fulfils all our dreams and desires. He made me strong and empowered me. My dad is my superhero.

Besides my dad, my aunt looked after us at home. I considered her just like my mother. She loves me a lot. She is one of the most important people of my life who have played a very vital role for who ever I am today.

I FEEL PROUD TO BE CALLED HIS DAUGHTER.

Most importantly, Kiran played the hugest role in my life.

Kiran is the name of a loving family whom I look up towards in every moment of my life. The most wonderful thing about Kiran is the founder herself whom I call Sabbima. She is the most mind blowing human being I have ever met and she is actually none-less than my own mother.

Kiran is a trauma sensitive school not only for the child but for both the parents. The major role played in the empowerment of my parents is that of Sabbima.

Kiran has made me strong and confident enough to talk in front of anyone and make friends anywhere. Kiran has been there for me in all aspects, educational, emotional, mental and social.

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I feel like the real journey of my life started at the age of 2.5 years when I became the part of Kiran Ibtedai School. My first lesson was to believe in myself and every morning we used to say loudly 'I want to make a difference'. I gained the confidence to believe in myself at a tender age and that had pulled me through life till today. The unconditional love from the Kiran family including all my mentors has given me the feeling of being special and loved.

I am a proud ambassador of Kiran Foundation and believe in the four core values of its model. I feel responsible enough and take ownership to continue these core values as my principles of life.

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Placing me into the Kiran Ibtedai School in 2007 was the wisest decision my parents made and everyday of my life I feel thankful to Allah (SWT) for that moment when my parents decided to admit me there. It was the turning moment of my life.

Only one year at Kiran Ibtedai School placed my life on a different road than many children in my area.

The best skill I learned from the opportunities given to me was to make the right choices in life.

I would like to give this message to all the young people of my age to think twice before making a choice. Sleep over every thought and give the thought some time before making a choice or decision.

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