St Stephen's College Alumni

Robert Sahib Memorial Fund – Appeal

Who of our Senior Alumni doesn't remember Robert Sahib? He was the college's Administrative officer from 1943 to 1983, and sadly passed away in 2000.

"Robert Sahib" to us (or, officially, "Wellington Victor Robert"), was ever present, for decades, sitting right next to the window of the Admin block of the college's main corridor. Whether we were day scholars or residents who were living away from their distant homes for the very first time, he was there to listen, to give advice, and to reassure us when we needed it. A real father-figure.

To honour Robert Sahib's memory, a number of senior college Alumni have taken the initiative to create a fund in his name. This fund will be used to provide scholarships to the children of non teaching/non UGC staff of the college, who wish to and are eligible to undertake undergraduate education in St Stephen's College – or, if that is not possible or appropriate, for tertiary, professional or vocational courses elsewhere. The fund would also be used for an Annual Robert Sahib Memorial Lecture and, depending on the amount available to be given for such purposes, may also be used for granting specific prizes, awards and one off contributions for plaques etc.

The fund will be set up as a separate account held by the college, bank statements regarding which will be available for inspection. And this initiative will be under the overall supervision of the Robert Sahib Memorial Committee through its three Working Groups:
- Communication and Fund Raising
- Investment and Audit
- Supervision, Deployment and Disbursement

These Working Groups will have members from among college faculty as well as other Alumni to ensure co-ordination, transparency and impartiality. The last-named group will be particularly responsible for evaluating applications and proposal, and for ensuring that the funds are disbursed solely for the intended purposes specified above (as may be amended from time to time by the overall Fund Memorial Committee).

The Target for the fund by end of March 25 is Rs One Crore. The intention is to grant **s**cholarships from mid 2025.

How to donate:
The contribution to the fund may be made through any of the following methods :

1) UPI
   -First click on the following payment link: https://scaladm.ststephens.edu/alumni_donation
   - Scan the QR Code (**below**) and complete details
   This will direct the funds to the Alumni Bank account
   Note maximum Rs 1 lakh per day can be remitted by a single person

2.) Bank Transfer

   - The bank details given below plus the Sections A-D in the **attached (3 page) Donation Form**

   - The Donation Form can be completed and signed digitally and emailed to Kevin Stephen, Alumni Office (email : alumni@ststephens.edu) The alumni will be the point of contact for any queries or concern.

Beneficiary Name	St. Stephen's Alumni Fund
Bank Name:	State Bank of India
Bank Address:	St. Stephen's College, Delhi 110007
Account Number:	39564516457
Account Type:	Current
IFS Code:	SBIN0018949
Branch Code:	18949
MICR Code:	110002593

3) Cheques : To be drawn in favour of Principal ,St Stephen's College (at the other side of the cheque " Robert Sahib Memorial Fund " may be written) .The cheque **along with the three page donation form (attached**) may be sent to The Principal , St Stephen's College ,Sudhir Bose Marg , University Enclave , Delhi -11007

Important Note:
1. Exemptions under Section 80G will be available and a certificate will be provided accordingly, on application to the College, either separately or via item 1 above.
2. As FCRA registration of SSC has not been renewed, at present donations can be accepted from **Indian Passport holders only** (whether Indian resident or NRI) who donate through their Indian bank account.
3. Should you have any queries, please contact:Alumni Office , Kevin Stephen , (email : alumni@ststephens.edu)

Lets join in to enrich the legacy of Robert Sahib which is woven inextricably with St Stephen's College .

Signed Prabhu Guptara, Naveen Kapur, Naveed Ahmed, Babli Moitra Saraf, Jyoti Sagar