



Newsletter Summer 2014



Your **Zakat**
will send them to **School**

Editorial

Dear Reader,

TCF began with a dream...a dream that transformed into a movement with an unwavering aim of building 1000 School Units nationwide. This quarter marked the realization of this dream and TCF is all geared up to surge forward! The journey continues, moving forward from strength to strength, attaining new heights and setting new milestones.

The holy month of Ramadan brings with it a devout feeling of humanity and compassion. A worthwhile way of exploring this sentiment is through your Zakat. Your Zakat can go a long way in helping us achieve our aim of eradicating illiteracy and poverty

from our country, by empowering our children through education. Join hands with TCF and say yes to education!

Let us take a look at this quarter's highlights and learn more about what has been going on with our students as well as our supporters, staff and volunteers across the globe.

Regards,
TCF Newsletter Team

We await your feedback and queries at: info@tcf.org.pk

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Young Achievers



Iqra Salim

Iqra Salim completed her Matriculation from TCF Ibrahim Goth Campus in 2012. She worked very hard and earned 86% in Intermediate and went on to become the first TCF student to gain admission into The Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) National Outreach Programme (NOP). She has been offered admission to the Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB) on full scholarship at LUMS and will be pursuing a degree in Accounting and Finance. We are extremely proud of her endeavours and wish her all the best as she begins her journey at LUMS.



Zafar Ali

Zafar Ali completed his Matriculation from TCF Hawksbay campus in 2013. The eldest in his family of 9 siblings, he applied for a scholarship at the prestigious United World Colleges (UWC) for



a 2 year International Baccalaureate (IB) degree. After a rigorous admission process, including IQ tests, group interviews and a challenging panel interview, Zafar was amongst the few who succeeded. He is currently preparing to travel to Singapore, where he will study for 2 years on full scholarship with students from over 60 nations. We look forward to learning about his experience and wish him all the best!

Volunteer-led activities



A Visit to the Crescent Steel & Allied Products Limited Head Office

Crescent Steel arranged a tour of their Head Office for TCF Crescent Steel Campus III students. These students were taken on a complete tour of the office and introduced to various departments. They were also shown an interesting documentary on Crescent Steel's manufacturing practices. The session concluded with a stimulating Q&A session. The trip proved to be a valuable learning experience for the students as they were given an opportunity to observe a real-life work environment.

Standard Chartered Bank's Dolphin Show activity

One of SCB's volunteer activities this year included a visit with TCF students to the Dolphin Show held in Karachi. On 6th March, over 175 primary school students and 25 staff members from TCF's Shah Faisal Colony Campus were taken on a day trip to the Pakistan Maritime Museum, where they witnessed captivating performances by Dolphins, a Sea Lion, and a Beluga Whale. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and faculty alike.



Book Reading Activity by Agility

Agility organized a thrilling 'Book Reading Activity' on 15th May, for students of TCF's DCD Campus. An enthusiastic team of 10 volunteers from Agility visited the campus and entertained a large group of children with enjoyable stories.



Mashal-e-Sabuq

"Mashal-e-Sabuq, Light of Literacy - a homage to Balochistan" organized by the Supporters of TCF (STCF) in March 2014, was attended by approximately 500 people. STCF commemorated the homage with stellar performances by renowned artists; Hadiqa Kiyani, Fuzon and Ustad Nafees Ahmed, followed by a historic tribute to the provincial talent with Akhtar Channal Zehri and his troupe. The funds raised during the event will help TCF to create opportunities for less-privileged children of Balochistan to acquire quality education.



Flying Around the World in 30 days for Education

On 19th June, 17-year old Haris Suleman, along with his father Babar, took off from Indiana, USA on an ultimate trip - flying in a single-engine plane around the world in 30 days to support education for the less-privileged. The Sulemans, being Pakistani-Americans are striving to raise awareness and funds for TCF to help educate Pakistan's less-privileged children living in rural and urban slums. Haris will be the youngest pilot ever to accomplish this daredevil feat, if the duo manages to complete their journey. TCF wishes them all the best!

Highlights from Grants & Alliances

TCF has been recognized by several international organizations, who have gratefully acknowledged and supported its mission of providing quality education to the less-privileged.

Government of Japan

In February 2014, TCF partnered with the Government of Japan to construct a campus in Pai Khail, Pakistan. At the signing ceremony, Ambassador Inomata remarked that Japan's Official Development Assistance Programme for Pakistan gives high priority to the improvement of educational facilities. He expressed his hope that these interventions would contribute towards the uplifting of human well-being in Pakistan and in doing so would certainly strengthen the friendly relations between the people of Japan and Pakistan.

i-care Foundation

In April 2014, TCF received funding from an anonymous individual donor to support a campus in Hub, Pakistan. These funds were channelled through the i-Care Foundation which is a non-profit organization that acts as a trusted conduit for donations to charitable organizations.

News from TCF-Singapore

The Dhannak, Dholak & Dance event

The **TCF Dhannak, Dholak & Dance** event in **Singapore**, in March 2014 was a truly heartwarming and joyous occasion. During the event, the ladies gathered around the Dholak and sang wedding songs while the little girls decorated their hands with henna. Attendees enjoyed the wonderful company and good food. They were later shown a documentary on TCF titled

TCF Accolades

Best Annual Report Award 2012 by South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA)



The Citizens Foundation (TCF) was declared the winner of "Best presented Annual Report Award 2012" by the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) in the Non-Governmental Organization category. The awards were distributed at a ceremony organized on 3rd May, 2014.



"Hope Against All Odds", followed by enthralling musical performances which were thoroughly appreciated and applauded. Gift bags & bangles were also handed out to the guests. With the help of a very dedicated team and a number of generous contributors, the event was a tremendous success.

TCF – Highlights from around the Globe



TCF - USA

A "Workshop" for TCF - USA Chapter leaders was held in **Arizona** in January, to identify ideas for the continued growth of TCF - USA. The workshop was a huge success with active participation of around 65 TCF - USA supporters from all regions of USA along with two TCF founders from Pakistan. In April, **Houston** held its Annual Gala to resounding success. 1,100 guests raised funds to support 4 new schools, taking the chapter's total up to 12 schools in just four short years. **Washington, D.C.** held its annual fundraising gala in May, surpassing all of its previous fundraising records. A successful auction of art donated by Pakistani artists was followed by a soul-searching qawwali performance. Also in May, **Los Angeles** held its first Mega fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. With over 450 attendees, the chapter surpassed its original fundraising goal by almost 200%. In June, **Silicon Valley** celebrated the opening of its first school in Gambat, Sindh and initiated a campaign for their second school. **Connecticut** and **Kansas** also held very successful events.



TCF - Australia

TCF - Australia has organized a series of events this year to kick-start their awareness campaign and fundraising in **Sydney**. The first event, a 'Ladies Coffee Morning' Fundraiser and information session was held this January, and was very well received. A 'Chocolate Donation Drive' followed in March, where school students went door to door selling chocolates, to help raise awareness and funds for TCF. March saw another successful 'Chara-oke' fundraising event hosted by TCF supporters. The event was attended by friends of TCF who raised funds, as well as their voices for TCF. The 'Annual Ramadan Appeal' is currently underway, with team members working with the community to maximize outreach and continue to raise awareness in the greater community.



Highlights from TCF - UK

A range of exciting events in the run up to summer included the promotion of independent Pakistani films and raising awareness on key issues through film nights. First was an exclusive preview of 'Josh: Against the Grain', by Iram Parveen Bilal, followed by a collaboration with SOAS showcasing 'Madam Kazmi and the Taxi Drivers' by Anca Dimofte and 'Postcards from Lahore' by Aatif Nawaz at the University of London. **TCF - UK** also



organized a book reading event with renowned historian, writer and broadcaster, William Dalrymple, chaired by Moni Mohsin. In addition, **TCF - UK** was invited to a High

Tea event organized by Ms. Lubna Ahmed, to raise awareness of TCF in **Manchester**, attracting media coverage from BBC Manchester and Manchester Evening News. **TCF - UK** was also invited by its long term supporters, 'City Circle' and 'The Samosa', to discuss the project 'Pakistan Calling' by the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce (RSA), which promotes organizations contributing to positive social change in Pakistan - for which TCF was the inspiration.

Updates from TCF - UAE

Supporters Conference 2014

TCF - UAE held its Supporters Conference in January 2014. The highlight of the evening was the presence of TCF Alumni - Anum Fatima & Nadeem Hussain, who captivated the forum with their powerful speeches. TCF Directors - Mr. Mushtaq Chhapra, Mr. Ateed Riaz, Mr. Ahsan Saleem and Mrs. Nilofer Saeed attended the event. Mr. Adeel Hashmi complemented the evening and concluded with an appreciation of the continued encouragement of TCF's supporters in UAE.



Comedy Night

TCF - UAE Ladies Group organized a comedy night dinner in January entitled, 'Bar Bar Beo' by the famous Pakistani comedian Beo Zafar. Supporters from the

Pakistani community attended the event in large numbers, with Mrs. Sameena Ahmed and all the members of TCF Ladies Group going the extra mile to make the event a success.

Dubai Cares Walk 2014

TCF supporters participated in the 'Walk for Education' organized by Dubai Cares this February. The walk was arranged to express support for millions of children in developing countries who have little or no access to quality primary education. Adults and children alike turned up in large numbers to support the cause.

News from TCF - Canada

9th Annual Gala

TCF - Canada held its 9th Annual Gala and Fundraiser in April, at the Apollo Convention Center in **Mississauga**. Hosted by the acclaimed reporter and anchor Pauline Chan, the event was the largest for **TCF - Canada**. Guests were entertained by enthralling performances by Meher Pavri (Soprano) and two virtuosos, Anwar Khurshid and Paul Des Laurier, who got together to create a fascinating musical performance. The highlight of the evening was a moving address by

the Keynote Speaker Marc Kielburger, co-founder of the international charity 'Free the Children' and a renowned agent of change. The event attracted a record-breaking 1,000 guests, including the Consul General of Pakistan and Turkey Senators, Members of Parliament, leading businessmen, entrepreneurs and 36 corporate sponsors.

TCF - Canada launches its Windsor Chapter with a bang!

In March, the **Windsor Chapter** organized its first Charity Dinner, at the Collavino Hall



of WFCU centre. Several supporters showed up enthusiastically to support TCF and helped raise funds to support the operations of at least one Primary School in Pakistan for a year. The fundraiser was a resounding success, with more than 350 attendees.

Italian Friends of TCF

The Italian Friends of TCF began their year with an exciting visit to TCF schools in Pakistan. In March, an event was organized at a local Ostello where young Milanese helped **TCF - Italy** celebrate its first birthday as an official charity. The event in May happened at the prestigious foreign policy institute in Milan ISPI, and

focused on sharing awareness of Pakistani civil society. Prominent guests included Prof. Anatol Lieven and Imtiaz Dossa as speakers while journalist Viviana Mazza (Corriere della Sera) and Prof. Elisa Giunchi (UNIMI) were also present. The Ambassador of Pakistan in Rome, Tehmina Janjua also attended the event.



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