



# Newsletter Winter 2014



## Editorial

Dear Reader,

TCF has reached a milestone of establishing 1000 school units all over Pakistan, but the journey has not ended. TCF aims to build more school units and is committed to significantly increase its impact through technology.

The year of 2014 has been extremely triumphant and humbling for us. Not only have we marked the 1000 school dream but also managed to receive the most prestigious honorary award of Asia. TCF was one of the recipients of the 'Ramon Magsaysay Award 2014' which is also known as Asia's Nobel Prize. TCF became the first organization within Pakistan to receive this award.

This reward was only possible due to the efforts of TCF team and the people who believed in its vision. Let's keep this torch alive to enlighten more lives.

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

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## Young Achievers



### Maryam Sajjal

Maryam did her matriculation from TCF Amir-uddin Campus in Bhai Pheru, Punjab. Her family went through a tough time due to her father's sudden death. Amidst all this, Maryam's mother worked very hard to make ends meet and took care of her two physically and mentally challenged children. Emotionally drained, Maryam found solace at TCF when her principal helped her in overcoming the trauma and kept her focus towards her dream of becoming a lawyer. With the guidance of her teachers she was able to gain admission in Punjab University on scholarship; she is in her final year of LLB now. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.



### Fahad Khan

Fahad is a bright student who completed his matriculation from TCF Juma Himmayati Goth in 2011, securing an A+ grade. He went on to complete his intermediate in 2013.

Fahad is fond of cars since childhood and used to assist his father in a workshop. He is amongst the first few students from TCF who have gained admission at the prestigious NED University of Engineering and Technology, where he is currently in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year, pursuing his degree in BE Automotive Engineering. We look forward to learning about Fahad's experiences and wish him all the best!

## Volunteer-led activities



### Standard Chartered Bank celebrates World Sight Day with TCF

To celebrate World Sight day this year, TCF's staunch supporter, Standard Chartered Bank, invited around fifty students from TCF Abdullah Rakla Campus, Shoab Campus and Asna Riaz Campus to their Karachi and Lahore branches. The activity took place on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014. The main focus of the event was to create awareness amongst children about eye care. Students took an eyesight test by LRBT Pakistan.

### Agility Logistics raises social awareness

Agility Logistics held a social awareness event at TCF Shoab Campus, Pengali, Lahore, Punjab. The event included art activities, plantation in the school and a briefing over cleanliness in the community.

### Al-Baraka Bank celebrates Independence Day with TCF

Al-Baraka bank participated in an Independence Day event at TCF Shirin Sultan Dossa Campus XVI, Karachi. The event included a flag hoisting ceremony, followed by the recitation of national anthem. Subsequently, a speech competition was held which included speeches from primary and secondary students. The event came to a conclusion with the distribution of gifts among the children.

### Science for better lives



Bayer Pakistan conducted an interactive session in collaboration with Toffee TV at TCF Shirin Sultan Dossa Campus XVI, Karachi. This was an interactive session encompassing 250 students from the primary section. The event included activities such as group sing-along and recitation of poems. Issues like cleanliness and pollution were highlighted during the session.



## 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.

### UNGEI

The Citizens Foundation has been selected from 320 applicants to be a recipient of a grant offered by the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) as part of its mission to seek universal access for boys and girls in primary and secondary education. A UN team comprising of practitioners, specialists and researchers rigorously reviewed the proposals before deciding on the 17 successful applicants to benefit from the 2014 UNGEI Good Practice Fund. TCF will document good practices in enrolling girls in poor communities across Pakistan.

### Standard Chartered Bank

As part of the "Investing in Communities" sustainability initiative, SCB awarded a grant to help rehabilitate areas affected by the 2010 floods by providing water filters to five TCF Schools. The filters will provide clean drinking water to over 2000 students and their households.

## TCF Accolades

### Best Corporate Report Award of 2013 by ICAP and ICMAP



This quarter of the year, TCF has been awarded the Best Corporate Report Award for the year 2013 jointly by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) and Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMAP) in the NGO Sector. The award ceremony was held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. The award was presented by the guest of honour Mr. Sher Afghan Malik, former President ICMAP and was received by Khwaja Bakhtiar Ahmed, Chief Financial Officer, TCF.

## TCF making Pakistan proud with Asia's nobel prize



The Citizens Foundation was announced as one of the recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2014, commonly identified as Asia's Nobel Prize. The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) was established in 1957 to propagate former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity in government, courageous service to the people and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society. The award had not been received by Pakistan since 2004. Philanthropy veterans like Abdul Sattar Edhi, and Dr. Adeb Rizvi have received this award in the past, but this is the very first time a Pakistani organization has been given this honour.

TCF was announced as one of the recipients of the award along with 5 other individuals from Afghanistan, China, Philippines, and Indonesia. The RMAF announced its winners on July 31 through a press release calling the awardees, 'Asia's Beacon of Progress'. The release about TCF said, "The social vision and high-level professionalism of its founders and those who run its schools, in successfully pursuing their conviction that, with sustained civic responsiveness, quality education made available to all - irrespective of religion, gender, or economic status is the key to Pakistan's brighter future."

The recipients were formally conferred the award by Benigno "NoyNoy" Aquino III, President of the Philippines during a presentation held on August 31, 2014 in Manila.

## STCF endeavours



### Obhartay Sitaray

On 11th October, 2014, The Supporters of TCF (STCF) hosted the finale of an inter-school fundraising singing competition, Obhartay Sitaray. This competition provided a platform to extend the educational efforts of TCF and

encourage the young singing talent of Pakistan on a grass root level. Over 20,000 students from 300+ schools in Karachi participated in this competition. The trophy of the Inter-TCF Category Finale was specially named after Haris and Babar Suleman, the

passionate supporters of TCF whose mission was to fly around the world in 30 days to raise funds for TCF and met a tragic accident.

### Manzil Milay

To celebrate the 1000 school milestone achieved by TCF, the event "Manzil Millay" was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at Area 51 Marquee by the Supporters of TCF (STCF). A renowned voice in Pakistan's music industry, Shafqat Amanat Ali graced the event. The total turnout of the guests was over 400, which mostly included individuals from the corporate world and patrons of TCF.

# TCF – Highlights from around the Globe



## TCF - USA

Over the last few months, there has been a lot of activities at TCF-USA. Members have joined the board and new chapters have been initiated, followed by successful fundraisers. The Phoenix Chapter held its first Gala in September, followed by the Northeast Ohio Chapter's fundraiser to build a school in Oghi Mansehra. The Michigan Chapter and New Jersey also held their Gala in September. The New Jersey Chapter raised funds to build their fifth school in Tando Allahyar Sindh. The Dallas and Seattle Chapter also held successful galas in October, Highlights of the Dallas gala, was a performance by young volunteer musicians playing the Pakistani and USA anthem. The Seattle chapter pledged to build a school to honour Haris and Babar Suleman. Long Island, NY's first ever TCF fundraising gala was a huge success, as was Austin, TX's fourth Annual Event.

## Updates from TCF - UAE

### Support from TCF-UAE Supporters this Ramadan

This Ramadan TCF-UAE received overwhelming response from its supporters. TCF-UAE managed to raise the highest ever contribution in comparison to previous years.

## Highlights from TCF - UK

TCF-UK began the autumn with its infamous Annual Quiz Night at the Mumtaz Restaurant, London. This was shortly followed by a collaborative event at Ernst & Young with the RSA Pakistan Calling Project - to raise awareness around social issues in Pakistan.

Additionally, due to the dedication of TCF's supporters, the British 10 kilometre London runners raised a handsome amount of funds for TCF's cause, whilst the 5 kilometre runners raised enough funds to restock a TCF primary school library.



## TCF - Australia

TCF's Australian Chapter signed an MoU on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014 to support their first Campus in Kot Mithun, Rajanpur, Punjab, a target set at their launch less than a year ago. While the chapter is still in its infancy, their fundraising momentum has been maintained with their most recent event, "Stand up for Literacy" featuring Pakistani comedian Saad Haroon. Following this blockbuster event in August, the team is confident that it will close the year a step closer to supporting a second school and is also keen to have its first Fundraiser in 2015.



## News from TCF - Canada



TCF Canada hosted a handful of events this quarter; starting with the fundraising event hosted by the Montreal group held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. The event was a success and the group was able to raise enough funds to support the operational cost of the Naya Nazimabad Campus.

### TCF – Canada launches its Vancouver Chapter

TCF Vancouver Chapter organized a gala on its launch with a fundraising dinner. There were over 200 guests who attended the successful auction. By the end of the evening, TCF Vancouver was able to raise its target funds to support the annual running cost of TCF Sapphire Campus II.

## Italian Friends of TCF

In September, Italian Friends of TCF were a part of a street fair at the Associations House of Central Milan, selling Pakistani apparel and sharing news about the TCF schools far and wide. In October, they started their campaign Toffees for Good, selling 300 boxes of high quality toffees around Milan through parties, events and small markets.

Moreover, Italian Friends of TCF are in the process of compiling a cookbook created by the Milan team along with 60 supporters and members who have provided their best recipes to make up an excellent selection of Italian and international recipes. The book will be sold during Expo Milano 2015 from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015.



## Help Educate Pakistan!

### Donate through:

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