From the Desk of Danial Noorani

Dear Supporters,

I am sure each of you have your own very personal reason for supporting TCF to get as many Pakistani children into school and providing them the best education possible. Many of you have shared your individual reasons for spending your precious time and money on educating the underprivileged.

A very successful cardiologist told me that he grew up in a home where the children took turns to eat and he can relate to the background of the children we serve. A businessman with a very lucrative manufacturing business, related to me that he came to the USA with a great German

2019: A Stellar Year for TCF

Arif Gafur, President TCF-USA shares in his year-end letter,

"Our supporters in the USA, like you, are at the forefront of this movement to bring about positive social change in Pakistan through education. Today, TCF-USA is active in 40+ chapters in cities across the USA with hundreds of dedicated volunteers. This year, they have organized and promoted TCF over 70 events in their communities. Together, we in the USA provide about a third of the funding for TCF programs in Pakistan. Our volunteers are our greatest strength; they inspire us to keep working for the cause of education in Pakistan."

Click here to read Arif Gafur's reflections on the year gone by.

TCF's Growth in a Snapshot
polytechnic education and very little money in his pockets. A combination of hard work, ambition and his education allowed him to reach the point in life that he has assured the future of his family and can now indulge his passion to give the TCF children in Pakistan the same opportunity he enjoyed. Another ardent TCF supporter was inspired by his mother, she insisted on sending the children of their domestic servants to school and celebrated when they became successful in life and come back to visit her as young adults.

For me personally, the biggest motivator is giving the children we can reach “hope”.

When I visited Pakistan and saw children working for a living at an age when my children were playing without a care in the world, when I see young children begging or selling trinkets on the streets, I could not help but get a feeling of despair. Not only was the current condition of these children depressing, but the fact that they did not have anything to look forward to in their future was especially disturbing. It was during one such visits back in 1999 that one of the TCF Founders took me to see one of the schools in a katchi abadi (slum) in Karachi.

It was an amazing experience to see the bright young children soaking in what was presented to them, I had never seen children getting so much joy out of studying as these children. I was sold on the TCF idea that day.

Two decades later when I visited Pakistan for a global TCF volunteers conference, our hosts arranged for us to meet ten TCF Alumni. One after another these young people told us about their journey, from TCF schools to college on a TCF scholarship and finally a successful and productive career. There was not a single dry eye in the room, each and every one of us felt like proud parents, when we looked at these confident young adults. This for me was a culmination of hope!

Make an Impact Before the Year Ends

As we approach the end of 2019, give hope through your gift of education for the deserving children of Pakistan. Every donation counts!

Your donations for this year are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law up to December 31, 2019.

Donate online or use the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) which is our gift-giving feature on the donation page. This makes donating faster and easier. All you need is your account & routing number. You save on a stamp and get a receipt via email instantly in your inbox. A useful feature specially when you are in a rush to get your tax deductible donation in before the year end! You do have the option to mail a check to us always.

For details on various donation methods please click here

Revisiting Hope: Muzammil Hussain

Muzammil Hussain, an ardent supporter of TCF-USA has built two schools to provide quality education to the underprivileged children of Pakistan. He has also donated a container full of computers, monitors and printers to equip the
Yes, there are grander and more high-minded reasons for supporting TCF, like religious obligation and patriotism, but for me it will always be the thrill of giving “hope” for a brighter future to a child born into a family where education and a path to financial security is not a guarantee.

Best wishes to all of you and your families for a happy and healthy 2020.

Danial Noorani,
Founder, The Citizens Foundation, USA

An Ode to Our Supporters

Lionman Foundation finds the perfect partner in TCF

The objective of the Minha, Zara, and Reyann Ansari Lionman Foundation is to educate young children in all continents.

The founder speaks about her TCF experience with immense happiness when she says, "Since I was 12 years of age, I had the opportunity to travel to different parts of the world and look at poor people’s living conditions. One of the most important needs I was able to recognize was the computer labs and to provide better learning facilities at TCF campuses.

Watch the video below to hear about Mr Hussain’s commitment to TCF!

From the Heart - Ansir Junaid

“When people ask me why I am so committed to TCF, I tell them it’s because TCF changes lives. In Pakistan, 23 million children are out-of-school.

Education is the key to providing hope, keeping our children’s dreams alive, and bringing positive, permanent change to Pakistan.,” says Ansir Junaid a dynamic entrepreneur who is now the CEO and Founder of Primecraft, a successful business converting leftover packaging material into cash for the company as well as its customers.
importance of educating young girls, as it has been said, 'it takes a village to raise a girl'. In 2018 I had the opportunity to visit remote and rural areas of Karachi, Pakistan. While I was there, I could see children playing in the streets, not attending school and lives just vanishing away, until I happened to reach the doors of TCF, a school built in the dumps of Karachi. Behind the door there was a completely different scene where young children in uniforms were able to speak, learn, and have a civic responsibility. This met an important objective that we had defined i.e. to find a partner in Pakistan. We believe today that TCF has become one of our favorite partners in educating the youth of Pakistan by using the resources with the utmost responsibility, and I am proud to say that my foundation is honored to support TCF.

A Pakistani immigrant settled in Cleveland with a booming business, Mr. Junaid echos his heartfelt sentiments for TCF when he continues saying, "TCF is laser focused on solutions and their model works. TCF is not just about education—it’s about lifting humanity. TCF makes life better for the children, especially young girls, their parents, the teachers—the entire community. I believe we all have a responsibility to lift humanity and to be useful to those in need. My humble request is that everyone give generously to TCF."

Spoken like a true TCF supporter, we cannot agree more with Mr. Junaid and his gracious endorsement for the cause of education that TCF continues to fulfil.

**Education through Recycling Plastic**

National Geographic has researched and collected data on recyclable waste and showed that a surprising 8 million metric tons of plastic end up in our planet’s ocean every year!

Raayan & Inaya Rao, our TCF youth supporters who are using their recycling plastic initiative to contribute towards TCF, speak about their efforts, "I know that we need massive collective efforts to work against this global problem but I came up with my '5 cent' project to get the wheels in motion. I firmly believe that we need education for my generation and future ones to protect our earth from dying. My parents are avid supporters of The Citizens Foundation and I have been trying to come up with ways that I can support it too."

Click here to read full story.

**TCF LAB School: A New Educational Phenomenon**

The Lab School initiative is an effort to revamp the early years program at TCF by emphasizing on 21st century skills and whole child development - bringing best practices in Early Childhood Education (ECE) to the TCF classroom. The project has been operational since April 2017 at OGS Trust Campus in Gadap West, Karachi.
Currently, it serves approximately 300 students, ages 4-10. The team works to create content and policy in line with the ECE best practices. Teachers and students implement this content at the school. The team observes and tracks this implementation, working closely with teachers and principals to refine the material created by building on feedback and observational analysis. In two years, the team has:

a) Established a practice of joyful, social reading every day. Over 100 original storybooks have been created to meet the market gap for engaging children’s content in Urdu. The storybooks will be scaled up to all TCF schools.

Click here to read more..

Scaling Quality Public Education in Pakistan: What will it take?

On Thursday, November 7, 2019 South Asia Center hosted the Wilson Center’s Nadia Naviwala, The Citizen Foundation’s Riaz Ahmed Kamani, Zia Akhter Abbas, World Bank’s Aroob Iqbal and Distinguished Fellow Shuja Nawaz to discuss ‘Scaling Quality Public Education in Pakistan: What Will It Take?’. The conversations covered the many issues and obstacles faced by the public education system in Pakistan.

Click here to read more..

KIPS & TCF Collaborate to Aid TCF Alumni

The Citizens Foundation (TCF) and KIPS, an academic institution that provides a complete career path to students, right from Pre-School to professional education, signed an agreement to help TCF students in pursuit of tertiary education prepare for university admission tests.

The agreement was signed by Asaad Ayub Ahmad – CEO, TCF and Abid Wazir Khan – CEO KIPS, during a ceremony held at Pearl Continental in Lahore. Under the agreement, KIPS will provide
TCF graduates university entry-test preparatory classes at a discounted rate to help them secure admissions in their desired universities.

TCF has over 3,000+ students successfully completing their Matriculation every year whom TCF continues to support in their endeavor for higher education. The collaboration was forged to enable TCF graduates pursue tertiary education and promote quality education across the nation and is an example of TCF’s holistic approach towards education.

2019 was a Year of Events!

Watch the video below for highlights of 2019 events!

This year TCF-USA’s 40+ chapters went above and beyond to spread the TCF movement of education, by hosting unique entertainment filled fundraising events. As a result of the committed efforts of our volunteers, TCF-USA hosted over 70+ events from January 2019 to December 2019.

From annual galas to private dinners and lunches, outdoor picnics to spooky bowling, comedy nights to marathons, and delicious brunches to silent auctions to Sufi and Qawwali nights to a Kite festival, TCF-USA events reached out to 8000+ individuals collectively. The presence of renowned personalities and artists made TCF-USA events even more spectacular this year.

TCF-USA has been steadfast in its efforts of community building, outreach and fundraising. It has also successfully launched four highly enthusiastic “Young Professionals” Chapters over the past one year!

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